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Short agenda hijacked by calls for VP impeachment

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What on paper looked like a quiet session of UNO's Student Senate became one of the body's most contentious meetings after the conversation turned to a possible impeachment of the vice president.

President Lucas Seiler opened the door to the debate by asking senators to conduct a review of the executive branch while executive officers waited in the hall. Moderated by Chief Administrative Officer Matt Nelson, senators were asked to complete a review sheet providing feedback about each of the executives.

After discussing whether the exercise was worth conducting, senators had hardly begun discussing Seiler's performance when Sophomore Class Senator Chelsea Dukes said she believed the body needed to address its "most controversial member" - Vice President Buey Ray Tut.

Dukes said senators had considered a resolution to impeach Tut and asked whether members of the body still wanted to go through with it.

"I knew there was no way I could talk to that many senators about that subject without him present," Dukes said afterwards.

Dukes cited Tut's poor attendance both at Student Senate sessions and Executive Council meetings. She also criticized his appointment of Arts and Sciences Senator Luke Hoffman.

"He seems to consistently draw from a pool of personal acquaintances," Dukes said. "Buey seems to appoint people that add to the apathetic portion of student government that makes it hard to accomplish anything worthwhile."

Tut said he had interviewed three candidates out of a pool of five to 10 applicants.

"I appoint people who I know are capable," Tut said.

Tut also sent senators an e-mail on May 2 regarding his attendance and appointment of Hoffman. A copy was provided to the *Gateway*.

"After looking at the applications, I decided to interview three people. Of those three, I decided upon Luke Hoffman. I have worked with Luke in forensics and know what he was capable of doing. I am sorry I was not able to be there to explain why I chose my appointments but I was representing UNO in Wisconsin and defending the state of Nebraska in a Speech and Debate tournament," Tut said in the e-mail.

Regarding his attendance, Tut also

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New home for College of Business

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The College of Business Administration will soon be housed in its own building on UNO's Pacific Street campus near the Peter Kiewit Institute. A groundbreaking ceremony, scheduled for yesterday, was held to honor the private donors and individuals involved in the project.

"We had to raise a significant amount of money from the private sector to build this facility," said Louis Pol, dean of the College of Business Administration.

The estimated cost of the building is \$31 million, but the college hopes to raise \$7.5 million more to support new programs, new professors and other projects.

Two of the project's private donors were unveiled at the groundbreaking ceremony. Both the Mammel Foundation and the Scott family presented gifts towards the facility.

Both donors are also involved with the UNO community and provide scholarships for students.

"They really are tuned into the needs of our students. They really care about our students. They genuinely are concerned and want to help," Pol said.

Pol said that construction would most likely begin in August and that the college's new home would be completed in time for fall 2010 classes.

"We are hoping for completion in the spring so we have time to make the transition," he said.

The 120,000-square-

foot facility was designed by Holland Basham Architects and Gensler and Associates and will be located near 67th and Pine streets across from the Aksarben Village development.

"Our hopes for this project are pretty aggressive. We are looking at this as

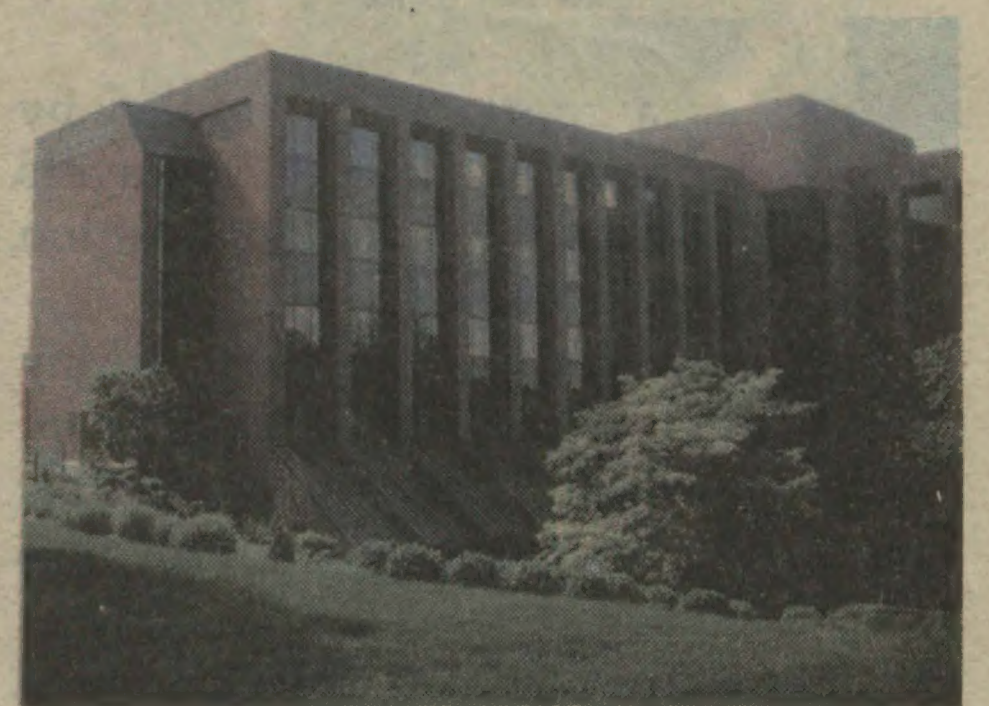
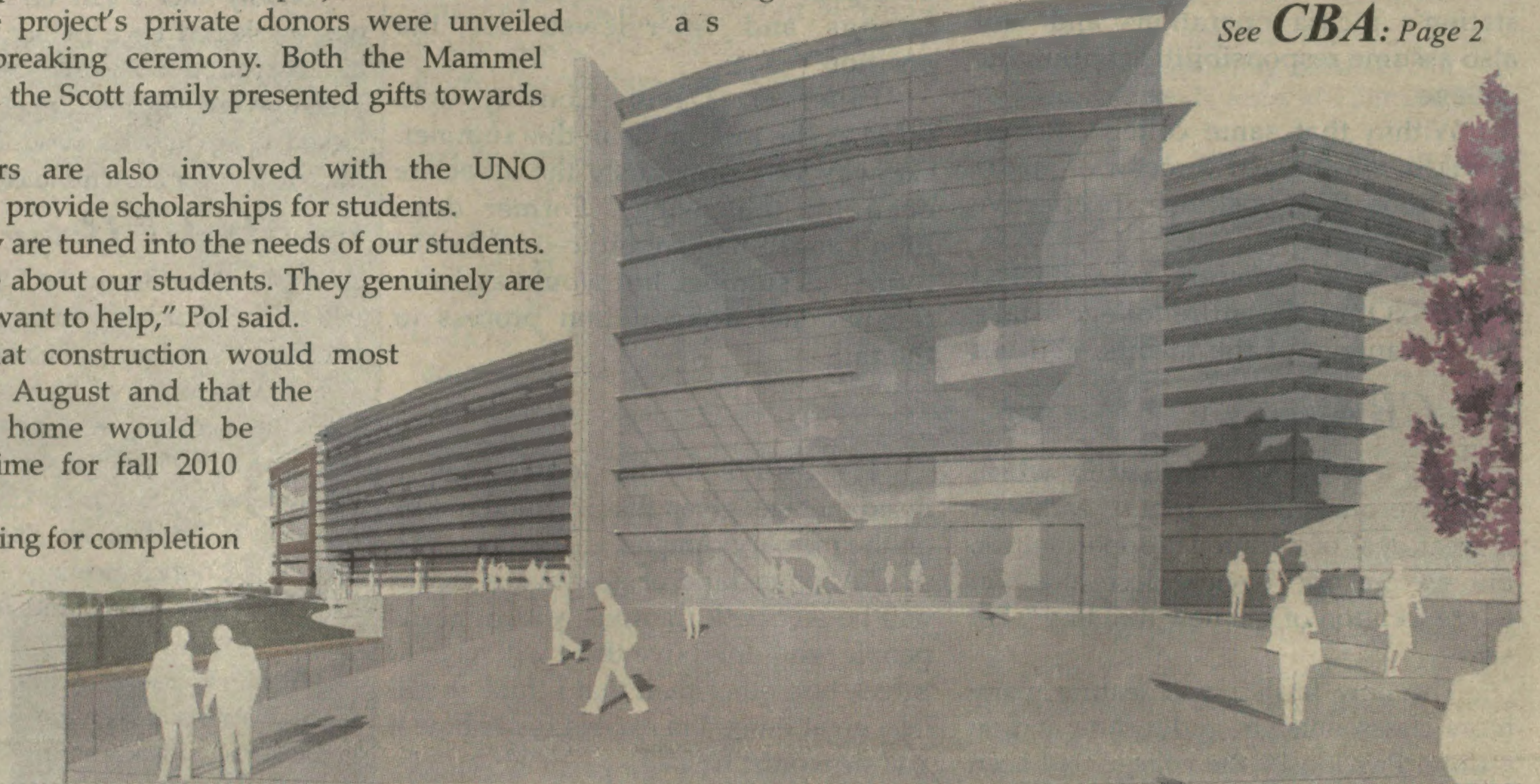


photo by Andrea Barbe
Roskens Hall is the current home of the College of Business Administration.

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Commencement signals end for graduates

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NEWS EDITOR

More than 1,200 students received degrees and became alumni during the May 9 commencement ceremony.

The students, who represented 23 states as well as 26 countries, swelled the Omaha Civic Auditorium with academic robes and flashing tassels.

During the ceremony, NU Board of Regents member Bob Whitehouse addressed more than 5,500 graduates' relatives and friends.

"It will be our honor to call each of you alumnus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha," Whitehouse said. "You have worked extremely hard and we salute you for your perseverance."

UNO Chancellor John Christensen was also presented a citation for alumnus achievement. He is the first UNO graduate and Omaha native to lead the university.

"He has brought talent, experiences, passion ... to campus and put into place an ambitious vision for great things to come," said Rod Oberle, chairman of the UNO Alumni Association.

"For this, and his professional accomplishments, civic leadership

and contributions to our city, the UNO Alumni Association is proud to present John Christensen the citation for alumnus achievement."

The chancellor's medal was presented to Kathy Pfeiffer for exhibiting unusual excellence in carrying out the university's mission and values.

Pfeiffer has served as the budget coordinator since 2000, but has been part of UNO since 1979.

Aaron Albin, who graduated with a bachelor of arts in English, delivered the student address, titled "Tomorrow's Heroes."

"I'm grateful to UNO because it has made two things out of me: a critical thinker and a servant to my community," Albin said.

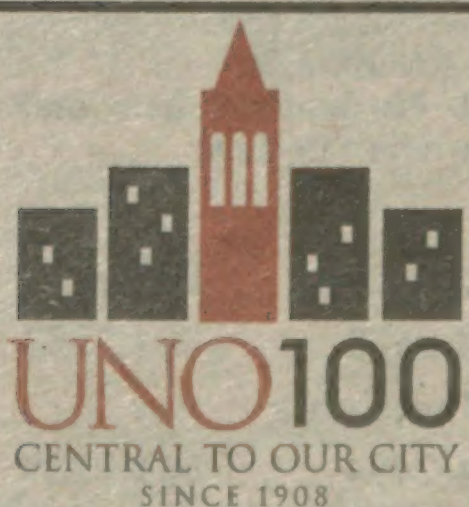
Whitehouse also imparted best wishes from the Board of Regents to the graduates as they venture out into the world and job market.

"Continue to spread the good word about our university, yet remember your actions and deeds will say far more about your character than your degree ever will," he said. "We wish you well, much success. ... Good luck to each of you."

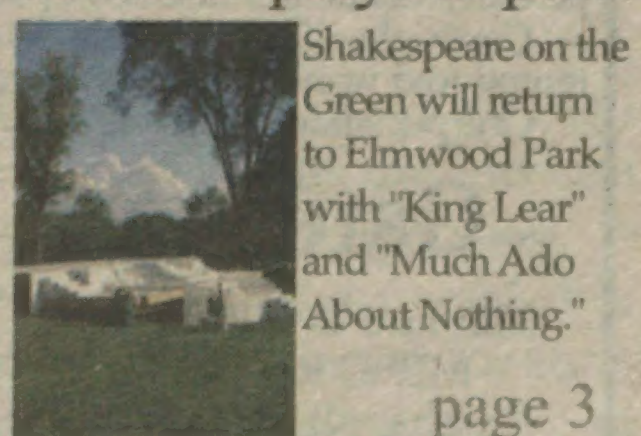


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Commencement was held in the Omaha Civic Center. Thirty-seven international students also graduated as part of the 2008 spring class.



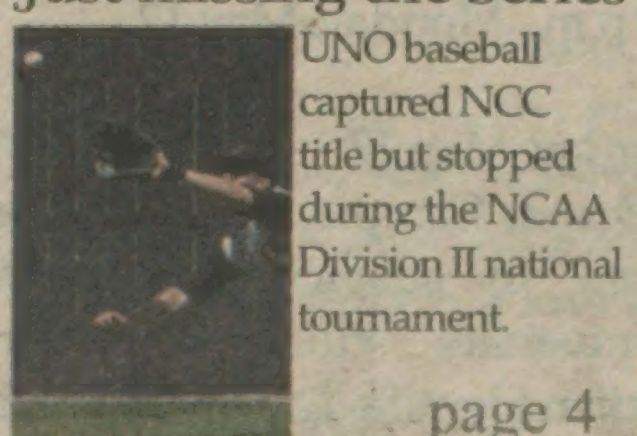
Summer plays in park



Shakespeare on the Green will return to Elmwood Park with "King Lear" and "Much Ado About Nothing."

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Just missing the Series



UNO baseball captured NCC title but stopped during the NCAA Division II national tournament.

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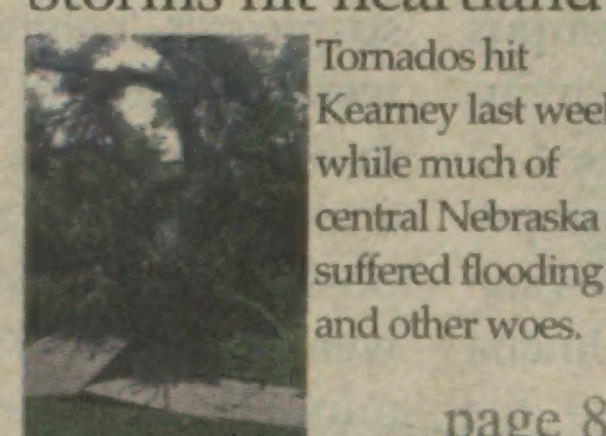
European champions



Manchester United defeated Chelsea in the first-ever all English UEFA Champions League final.

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Storms hit heartland



Tornados hit Kearney last week, while much of central Nebraska suffered flooding and other woes.

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Another administrative position filled as summer session begins

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

Just as a sports team riddled by injuries gathers steam as key players return, UNO has filled another position in its administration.

Michael Hilt was selected in May as assistant dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media, concluding another faculty hunt in a long list of searches.

Hilt previously was a professor and interim general manager for Classical 90.7 KVNO and UNO Television.

He will continue to oversee the station's media operations and will also assume responsibilities within the college.

Within that same college, Robert Franklin was named director of media operations. Both positions are effective July 1.

"The new structure allows UNO TV, KVNO and the entire college to take full advantage of the talents, abilities

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not only a wonderful new facility which will give our student, faculty and staff a great deal of additional opportunities, but we are also paying close attention to the location of the new building," Pol said.

The new facility will feature many more classrooms, an auditorium and an atrium. Previously, the college had been housed in Roskens Hall.

Jon Paul, a freshman pre-med and business major, said he saw both advantages and disadvantages to a new facility.

"The new building is going to give us more room so we can house more students and teachers. It will also give the college more prestige because people will look at it and see a nice facility, but it is also very expensive to build it - which will probably raise tuition," Paul said.

and experiences of two outstanding professionals," said Gail Baker, dean of CFAM, in a statement. "We gain depth in all three of our strategic missions - focus on students, academic excellence and community engagement."

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences was also recently selected, with David Boocker being announced as the next administrator to be responsible for nearly 900 UNO undergraduate and graduate students.

The search for dean of the College of Education will continue into September, the university announced in April. Three candidates visited campus and interviewed for the position.

However, David Conway will serve as the interim dean this summer. Conway was previously the associate dean for the college. Former dean John Langan had announced he would retire this summer, but would assist in the national accreditation process in the fall.

He also saw the location as a disadvantage, given that it would not be on the primary campus.

"Another kind of negative is that it will be on South Campus, which means people who don't live there will have to travel, but, other than that I think it will be a great thing. I'm excited to see how it will turn out," he said.

George Killian, the campus architect, said the project fit perfectly into UNO's 10-year plan, which involves several renovations across campus.

"We will have a kind of big domino effect in place for the different buildings once the new College of Business building is built and then Roskens Hall is vacated," Killian said. "It's all really exciting; I think this is all right in line with our 10-year master plan for the campus. It's really neat to be able to be a part of it all."

Alum, family survive being tied up, threatened during home invasion

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

A UNO alum was knocked unconscious and bound alongside his wife and foster-daughter by a man who broke into his residence and stole several items before fleeing.

Rudy Smith, 63, of Omaha graduated from UNO in 1969, becoming the first minority graduate from the Department of Communications. He was awarded the department's lifetime achievement award on XXXX. Smith is currently a photographer for the *Omaha World-Herald*.

Shortly after 1 a.m. on May 19, Smith was awakened by a rattling noise outside his bedroom door, he told the *World-Herald*. When he investigated further, the door was kicked open into his head, knocking him unconscious for eight minutes.

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cited his commitment to UNO Forensics, where he finished among the top 12 persuasive speakers in the nation.

Tut said he missed three senate meetings - two for forensics events, including nationals and one to attend presidential candidate Barack Obama's rally at the Civic Auditorium on Feb. 7. Tut said he also missed three Executive Council meetings - two returning from forensics events and one to take an exam.

Student government's bylaws state, "Two (2) missed Executive Council Meetings is cause for impeachment." The bylaws also state that missing two senate sessions, rules committee meetings or vice chancellor's leadership council meetings is equivalent to missing an Executive Council meeting.

"I think that someone who runs for vice president of the student body needs to have priorities," Dukes said.

Speaker Dayton Headlee said the reason Tut had not already had articles of impeachment filed against him was that senators had been "looking through every possible channel" before impeachment.

According to the police report, the intruder demanded money and threatened Smith's wife, Llana, and foster-daughter, Chloe Henry. They were also tied up using duct tape.

The intruder, who was described as a black male approximately 30 years old, about 6 feet tall and bald, wore a black nylon stocking over his head and a navy blue jogging suit. How he gained access to the house was unknown.

According to the report, the man also disconnected the Smiths' phone and wiped fingerprints from the scene before fleeing. The thief reportedly stole a wedding ring, a jewelry box, a DVD player and several CDs.

Smith suffered a mild concussion.

If you have any information regarding the incident, contact Crime Stoppers by calling 402-444-STOP or offer a tip online at omahacrimestoppers.net.

Headlee also said impeachment was possible in the summer, since it was not specifically excluded by legislation passed in April.

Thursday's meeting was the first of four summer meetings approved by the senate last month. At those meetings, restrictions are in place regarding appointments, large allocations of money and rule changes.

Seiler said he had been told what was going on with Tut, but he hadn't intended the executive review to forestall any efforts to impeach him.

"It's definitely not all about Buey [Tut], but, hopefully, it will give him some insight and help him change his ways," Seiler said. "This was a problem with Nathan [Edwards], too: We don't receive constructive criticism."

Edwards resigned as speaker of the senate on March 13 amidst efforts to remove him from office for not tracking senators' office hours and missing meetings of the Executive Council. Headlee took over for Edwards on March 27.

The senate will meet next on June 26 in the Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room at 7:30 p.m.

Crime Log

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Tuesday, April 29

4:07 p.m. Contractor reported the theft of company property from their construction office east of the Criss Library. The theft occurred between 3:15 p.m. and 3:35 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

2:27 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security checked on a vehicle parked in Lot 9. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation at the vehicle and at Scott Village. One student was reported for disciplinary action, and two visitors received ban and bar notices.

Sunday, May 4

1:18 a.m. While on patrol of University Drive East, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed a student driving without a proper license and a visitor in possession of a controlled substance. Omaha police were notified and cited the student for improper license and the

visitor for possession of a controlled substance. The student was reported for disciplinary action.

3:35 a.m. While on patrol of Lot L, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation at the vehicle and at University Village.

Two students were referred for disciplinary action.

Monday, May 5

9:50 a.m. Faculty member reported the theft of university property from an unsecured room in Durham Science Center. The incident occurred between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Thursday, May 1.

Tuesday, May 6

3:33 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious behavior. The suspects were questioned in Lot K. Further investigation disclosed one student and one visitor as being minors in possession of alcohol. Omaha police were notified. Both were cited for minor in possession. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

Thursday, May 8

10:30 p.m. Student reported the theft of personal property from University Village. Incident occurred between 2:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

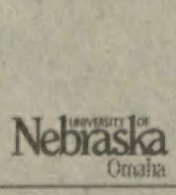
9:35 p.m. Campus Security received a complaint regarding alcohol and possession of controlled substance at University Village. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. One suspect was found to be in possession of an unauthorized key. The suspect was not a resident and was issued a ban and bar letter.

Monday, May 12

2 p.m. Staff member reported the theft of university property from Peter Kiewit Institute. The incident occurred between 8 a.m., Monday, April 28, and 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 12.

Saturday, May 17

12:15 a.m. Campus Security was dispatched to suspicious activity near University Village. Further investigation identified an unaffiliated individual intoxicated.



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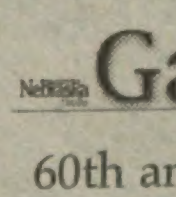
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Shakespeare on the Green comes alive at Elmwood Park

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One of Omaha's most cultured events is back to kick off the summer with a few new surprises in store.

Shakespeare on the Green has been a strong staple in the Midwest for 22 years. Several actors from Omaha and all over the country will perform two of the poet's most popular plays, "Much Ado About Nothing" and "King Lear" in Elmwood Park, located just south of 60th and Dodge streets.

Last year, the festival tried something new with the introduction of Towne Square and Greenshow.

"Starting an hour before each show, we offer the crowd some

entertainment," said Nebraska Shakespeare Spokeswoman Nellie MacCallum. "This used to include jugglers and musicians entertaining the crowds, but this year, we have a string quartet, trumpet players from the UNO music department, a south Omaha mariachi band ... just a beautiful variety of music."

In addition, MacCallum said that there would be several tents set up, ones for concessions and others that will aim at providing viewers with an "educational Shakes-perience."

"There are a few gazebos set up around the park that allows people to engage in a small group dialogue about his work," she said. "There is even something for the kids. They'll

provide a Shakespeare puzzle and a sheet with Shakespeare's face on it for kids to color. There is even a place for trying on costumes."

For those who want to come earlier for a bite to eat before the play, the festival will introduce its first annual barbeque, which will offer chicken on a stick, shrimp on a stick and barbeque sandwiches for a reasonable price. The grilling begins at 5:30 p.m.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the knowledge and skill of the directors.

Two of UNO's theater professors returned to lend their abilities to these performances. Cindy Melby Phaneuf, artistic director and co-founder of the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, directed "Much Ado About Nothing" while associate artistic director D. Scott Glasser directed "King Lear."

Even a handful of UNO students can be seen in these plays.

Senior Lauren Krupski auditioned for the festival in January and was cast in "Much Ado About Nothing."

"I play Ursula, one of Hero's waiting gentlewomen. I scheme with Hero to make Beatrice and Benedict realize how much they really love each other," Krupski said. "This is my first professional acting job where I am working with equity actors from New York and across the country. I've learned a lot from them and from the stage managers about the professional acting world and what I need to know once I graduate."

With just a couple weeks until opening night, MacCallum is ready to start off the summer with some Elizabethan classics.

"This year is going to be better than ever because the nature of the plays," MacCallum said. "We've only



courtesy Nebraska Shakespeare

Nebraska Shakespeare has been delighting audiences with stunning costumes and performances for 22 years at Elmwood Park.

done 'Much Ado About Nothing' twice before and 'King Lear' once before. We try to bring culture here because it's accessible, it's free and it's outdoors. The mix is fabulous and we're all so excited."

Shakespeare on the Green will open June 19 and run through July 6. Performances of "Much Ado About Nothing" begin June 19 through July 22 as well as July 2 and July 5. "King Lear" will be played June 26 through June 29, with additional shows on July 3 and July 6. The plays begin at 8 p.m. with Towne Square starting festivities at 7 p.m. and informational seminars at 6:30 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public, although donations are accepted.

For more information, call Nebraska Shakespeare at 280-2391 or visit nebraskashakespeare.com.

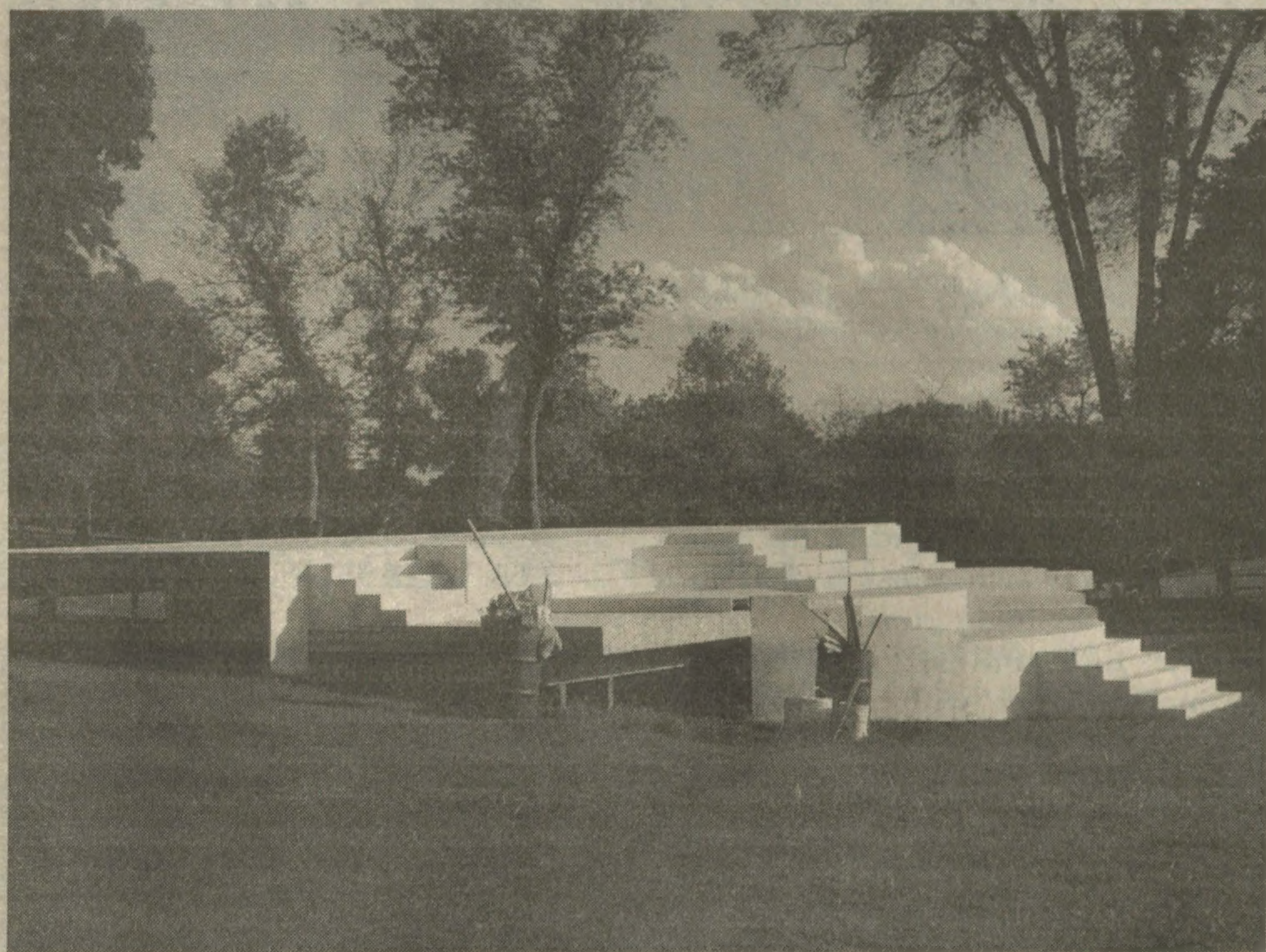
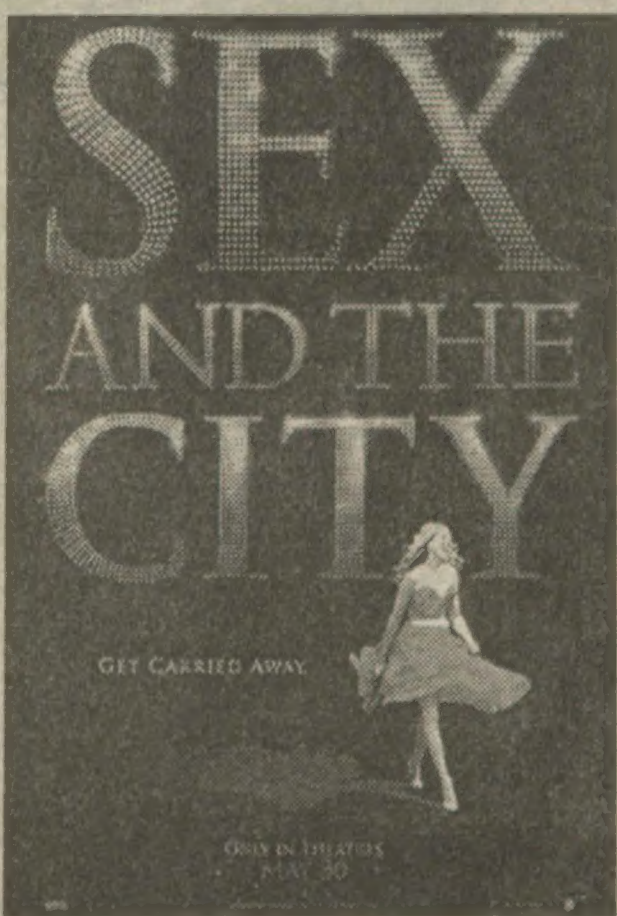


photo by Valerie Loseke

Robbie Jones designed the stage that will showcase this year's Shakespeare on the Green festival. On opening night, columns with 10-foot-tall statues will line the stage.

'Sex in the City' is on top once again

REVIEW BY
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A very wise, love-scorned woman once said, "I'm looking for love. Real love. Ridiculous, inconvenient, consuming, can't-live-without-each-other love. And I don't think that love is here in this expensive suite in this lovely hotel in Paris."

She left the most romantic city in the world

and a few years later, that woman found the "big" love she was deeply searching for.

That woman is television's favorite sex columnist Carrie Bradshaw, played by Sarah Jessica Parker, and her big screen love affair is taking movie theaters across the world by storm.

"Sex and the City: The Movie" is based off the ever-popular HBO series that ended four years ago. Despite the series' hiatus and rumors of bitter words amongst by cast members, the film seamlessly picks up where the series left off.

Only this time, "Sex" clearly has a bigger budget for the latest couture fashions, and more twists and turns than a theme park roller coaster.

For fans who were left waiting for Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda's return, their prayers were answered on May 30 with the movie's release.

After 10 years of dating, Bradshaw and her longtime on-again-off-again lover, John James Preston, aka "Mr. Big," finally decide to move in together and

tie the knot.

Drama, of course, ensues and it is an emotional tale of finding out what you really want in life. The story plays out like a modern, slightly more realistic fairytale, if you will.

If those rumors of cattiness between the female foursome were true, then it didn't translate at all on screen. Bradshaw and her dynamic female counterparts seemed closer than ever, making the audience feel like the silent fifth and fabulous friend.

The fashion is, of course, breathtaking (in particular, Bradshaw's Vivienne Westwood gold and ivory wedding dress) and the plot has this edgy, Woody Allen-like appeal to it.

Each of the four women had at least one moment or situation most of us can relate to, regardless of whether you're a man or a woman. Even facebook provides an application that allows us to see which "Sex" character we are most like, the movie made me see a little bit of each girl's personality in myself.

The only part throughout the whole movie I couldn't really figure out was Jennifer Hudson's role as Carrie's personal assistant. I thought it seemed like desperate character placement in order to drop a celebrity name.

St. Louise, as Bradshaw called her, was awkward more than anything and didn't really add anything to the plot. However, I loved her voice on the soundtrack and felt it complimented the movie very well.

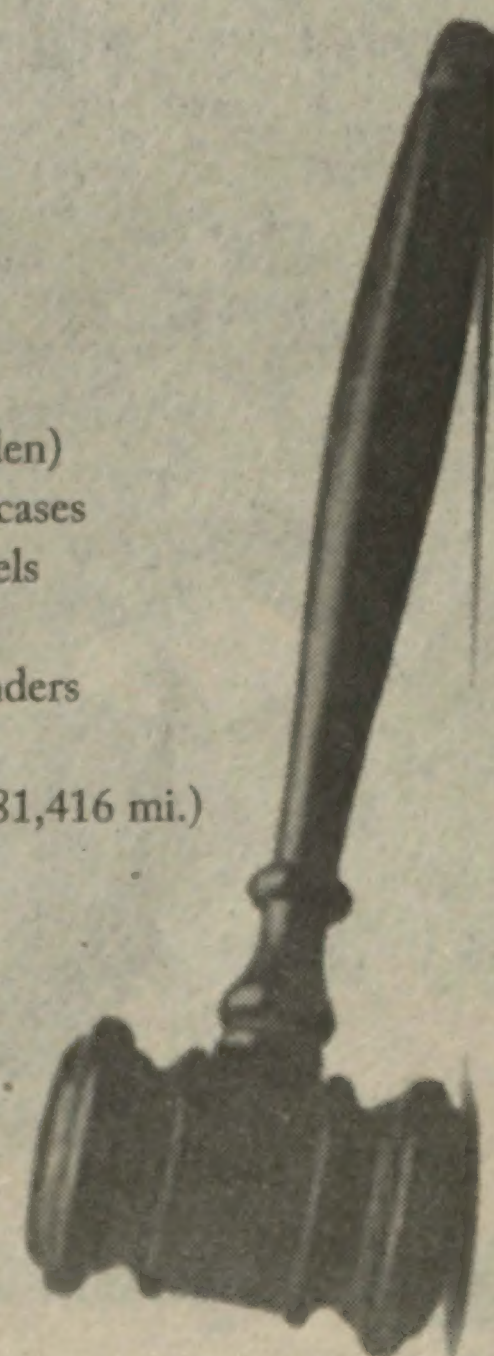
Bottom Line: Those who were fans of the series will be delighted. Others who have never seen an episode will be just as entertained because you don't have to know any of the show's history.

Just be sure to hit the bathrooms first, though; this movie is over two hours long.

Grade: B+

PUBLIC SALE: There will be a public auction of University surplus property at the warehouse at 3805 N. 16th St. on Saturday, June 7th. Standley Auction & Realty Co. will handle the sale. Items may be viewed starting at 8 a.m. on the date of the sale with the auction to start at 10 a.m.

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Baseball falls to Mankato after 17-0 NCC victory

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EMPORIA, Kan. -- With a winning baseball season under its belt, No. 12-ranked UNO fell short of a second consecutive trip to the Division II College World Series. A 11-6 loss to future MIAA foe Central Missouri in Emporia, Kan., ended the Mavs season on May 18.

After winning their opener 2-1 over Minnesota State, Mankato on May 15, the Mavs dropped a 13-8 game to the Central Missouri Mules the following day.

UNO jumped ahead of the Mules 3-1 after two innings but the Mules quickly built an 8-3 lead after roughing up Mav starter senior Dustin Koca for seven runs in the third inning. In the top of the fourth, senior Chris Weimer crushed a grand slam to help UNO climb within one at 8-7. Weimer went deep again in the seventh inning with

May 17, eliminating Mankato, 6-5, and top-seeded Emporia State, 17-14.

UNO encountered a different Mankato squad than the one they defeated 17-0 just days earlier when they captured the league's final NCC title.

Junior catcher Brian Goliber collected three hits against Mankato, including the game winning hit in the eighth inning, an RBI double that scored junior first baseman Mat Eikmeier. Weimer also blasted his first of three home runs on the day to keep UNO alive in the tournament. Senior pitcher Tim Huber picked up the win and finished the season with a 9-1 record.

The second game of the day for the Mavs turned out to be a slugfest that saw 19 total hits for the Mavs and 12 for Emporia.

Koca started the scoring off for UNO with a three-run homer in the first inning and the Mavs never trailed from there. Weimer had four hits, including two home runs, to increase his record total to 23.

Also going yard for the Mavs were Frew and junior Brian Strawn. Junior Matt DeGagne picked up the win, despite giving up 11 earned runs.

"It's great," said Frew after the back-to-back wins. "Our goal all year is to get to the World Series and it just feels closer, that we're getting closer and closer

everyday. We have all the confidence in the world that we can take into tomorrow."

Those wins set up UNO for a tough task on the final day of the tournament. The Mavs needed two wins over No. 23-ranked Central Missouri to repeat as regional champions and advance to the College World Series.

The Mavs found themselves down



photo by Michelle Bishop

Chris Weimer celebrates his second home run of the game and third of the day, as UNO fought off elimination by beating Emporia State 17-14 on May 17 in Emporia, Kan.

early as Central Missouri jumped out to a five run lead in the first two innings. The Mules were able to prevent UNO from ever taking a lead in the game. UNO scored two runs in the third inning and single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to come within 5-4.

Central Missouri added six runs over the sixth and seventh innings to pad their lead 11-4. The Mavs scored two runs in the eighth inning but were unable to draw any closer than 11-6.

UNO's offense had plenty chances to score but fell short of forcing a second game. UNO stranded 13 runners on base, including a key moment where the Mules escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the second inning.

Leading the Mavs offensively were Strawn and Koca, each drove in a pair of runs and homered. Freshman Taylor Weisback took the loss as his record dropped to 4-2.

Both junior Chris Kessinger and senior Chris Weimer earned All-Tournament team honors at the Central Regional. Kessinger, the 2008 NCC Pitcher of the Year, led the Mavs with an 11-1 record and a 2.58 ERA. Weimer set school records with 77 RBIs, 79 runs scored and 92 hits on the season.

"It was a really good season, but when you're trying to come back to play in the World Series, it seems like no matter how great your season is, you don't get there and you've obviously come up a bit short," Head Coach Bob Herold said. "I'm proud of our effort, but along with that effort there is a performance factor there and we didn't perform

where it counted. We'll come back and try to represent ourselves next year in the league."

Junior Evan Porter agrees.

"We tried to play hard every out



photo by Michelle Bishop

Bryan Frew steals second as Emporia's James Morrison can't hold onto the ball during their Central Regional game on May 17 in Emporia, Kan.

a solo shot to tie the game, 8-8.

The Mules charged ahead in the seventh and eighth innings adding eight runs to finish with a 13-8 win over UNO. Senior Bryan Frew stole two bases in the game, giving him 71 for his career, breaking Jake Wurth's career record.

The Mavs battled through the loser's bracket in a double-header on



photo by Michelle Bishop

Senior Tim Huber picked up the win against Mankato on May 17. UNO eliminated Mankato from the Central Regional with a 6-5 win.



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Central Missouri's Balin Bergman steals second base as UNO's Josh Shirk can't handle the throw during their Central Regional game May 18 in Emporia, Kan.

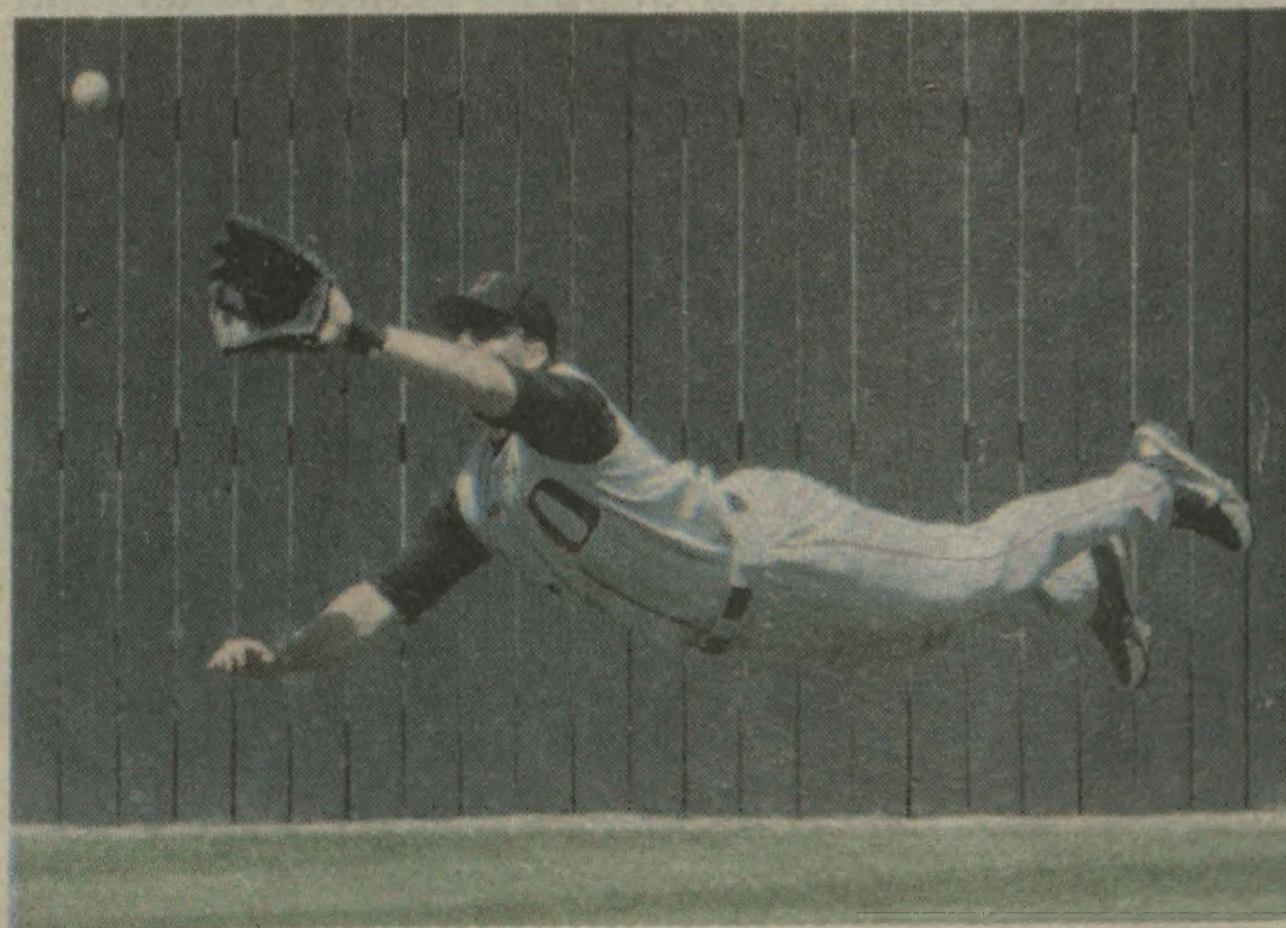


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Chris Weimer dives to make a catch in center field during UNO's Central Regional game against Central Missouri on May 18 in Emporia, Kan.

Maverick softball captures NCC title, falls short in NCAA tournament



photo by Michelle Bishop

Senior All-American infielder Leslie Svoboda holds the school records for homeruns, RBIs and walks.

SEAN OWENS
CONTRIBUTOR

In the end, the Maverick vs. Maverick skirmish between UNO and Minnesota State, Mankato proved to be a costly one. Several seniors' careers were finalized that day, as UNO's 2008 season came to an abrupt halt.

UNO was shut out 6-0 by Mankato at the NCAA Division II North Central Regional tournament on May 10. The game marked the fifth matchup between the two teams and UNO's only defeat at the hands of Mankato.

Although the Mavs posted their highest-ever

strikeout-looking total with 96 this season, the regional was lost by a failure to convert an offense: UNO managed only two hits on 24 at bats, with no runs scored.

"I think our biggest problem in that game [regional loss] was our loss to Emporia," said freshman pitcher Beth Haley. "I think we got kind of down and put a lot of pressure on ourselves after we lost the Emporia game. But it's really hard to beat a team like Mankato five times."

UNO lost to Emporia 1-0 on May 9, after defeating Mankato 1-0 on Thursday. They went on to defeat Northwest Missouri State 8-1 on May 9 as well, before falling to Mankato on Saturday.

The season did however show some positive notes, from talented underclassmen play to departing seniors capturing the final North Central Conference crown.

"It was a really nice way to end it for the seniors," Haley said. "To win the final NCC championship is definitely how they deserve to go out."

The pitchers produced a total 220 strikeouts in 2008. The 44-13 record proved to other schools that this team could overcome adversity and keep on winning the NCC.

As the season progressed, senior leadership maintained a heavy morale for the club, keeping in tact a streak of 19 consecutive NCAA Division II tournament appearances, including a national title in 2001.

Several underclassmen stepped up this season, including freshmen pitcher Beth Haley, freshmen

shortstop Ashley Lynch, sophomore pitcher Melissa Negrete and sophomore infielder Treightin Yates. Senior leaders were infielder Leslie Svoboda, outfielders Chanel Reaves and Alison Jergenson, infielder Jenifer McDowell and catcher Brianna Cataudella.

Reaves and Jergenson combined for 91 hits and 70 runs scored on the year in 2008. McDowell and Cataudella put up a combined 93 hits, 68 RBI's, 33 runs scored and 11 home runs, eight of them from Cataudella.

The Mavs will still have big shoes to fill next season, especially those of All-American standout infielder Leslie Svoboda. On the season, the senior produced 66 RBIs, 52 runs, 76 hits, 10 home runs and a .427 batting average. Svoboda will leave the university holding records in home runs (44), RBIs (192) and walks (90).

"I don't think you could ever ask for such a great group of seniors on a team," Haley said. "Not only talent wise, but leadership as well. We're definitely going to miss them a lot."

The defunct NCC has been dissolved and its former teams have shifted to open conferences. UNO will make its move to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, a southern based conference with a number of Missouri teams.

"The MIAA is a tough conference competition-wise, but it will be nice for us to not have to travel north all the time," Haley said. "We used to be the southern most team in our conference, now we will be the northern most. That's kind of nice."



Beth Haley

Golfers capture North Region crown, finish seventh at NCAA II nationals

JASON SIBSON
CONTRIBUTOR

It appears the UNO golf team has found its recipe for success.

UNO's North Regional title in Grand Forks, N.D., in early May marked the program's third regional championship in four years. UNO breezed through the tournament with a 27-shot victory over second place Augustana.

The Mavs then finished seventh at the NCAA Division II National Championship, held May 13 through May 16 at Memorial Park Golf Course in Houston, Texas.

Despite a third place finish at the North Central Conference tournament in October, the Mavs will walk away from the folding league with three conference titles in the last six seasons.

It's all part of a recipe that Head Coach Tim Nelson has developed with the help of some not-so-secret ingredients.

"Get good kids. Get good students. Get good athletes," said the fifth-year coach. "Golf history is important, but the thing we look at in addition is a good academic foundation, and we look at the kids as individuals."

Senior Sara Wolfe undoubtedly belongs in that conversation.

Wolfe continued her stellar 2007-08 season, in which she turned in eight top ten tournament cards in 11 tournament appearances, by capturing the individual regional title in Grand Forks. Wolfe's three-round total of 222 was paced by a school-record opening round 71.

"She just had a gutsy performance," Nelson said. "She started each round out not playing very well, but she just wouldn't let anything beat her. She's a fighter."

UNO's showing at the national championship two weeks later was highlighted by Lynn Mulligan's four round total of 309, which left her with a team-best 23rd place individual finish.

Mulligan was a wild card going into the national meet. She was the team's No. 1 golfer for much of the season, but struggled mightily in each of UNO's last two regular season tournaments and again at the regional tournament.

The senior quickly erased the doubts surrounding her play with an opening round 78 to set the tone for her team-leading performance.

"It's always fun to see the kids play well and do some great things on the golf course," Nelson said. "The biggest thing with Lynn was to see her get back to where she is capable of playing."

With Mulligan, Wolfe, Lindsay Newton and Kate O'Dea all graduating, this year's breakout performers, sophomores Abbey Weddle and Erin Ommen, will be asked to carry the load and continue to stir Nelson's successful stew. Nelson will also have the services of top prospect Becca Pollack from Skutt Catholic High School to anchor a young roster next season.

The Mavericks will embark on play in a new conference, the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, and a new region, the West Region, beginning in September. It's a challenge that UNO golf is looking forward to face.

"We're going to be very successful [next season]," Nelson said. "We've got a good, solid nucleus coming back, and I'm excited about what we have going into our future."



Sara Wolfe



Lynn Mulligan

Basketball signs new recruits to help replace lost senior talent, leadership

JON GREEN
CONTRIBUTOR

UNO lost two great players when seniors Jerry Bennett and Denny Johnston graduated this year.

The Mavericks will need others to step up in their place and will look to the four incoming recruits to help fill some of those holes. Those four incoming players are transfers Dion Curry and Matt Akins and freshman Drew Thompson and Alex Welhouse.

Curry, who has good size at 6-foot-5, 220 pounds, joins UNO from Missouri Western, where he spent the fall semester but never played. However, he did spend two years playing at Iowa Western, where he averaged 5.3 points and 4.3 rebounds as a sophomore.

Curry has two years of eligibility remaining, and he said he came to UNO because of its good program.

"The coaches were really cool and they knew what they were talking about, basketball-wise," he said.

He expects to contribute next year by using his "athletic ability around the rim, rebounding ability and leadership," he said.

Matt Akins, a 6-foot-9, 230 pound center, joins UNO from Tarleton State, where he spent the fall semester and played one game. Atkins also had some time at Iowa Western and Western Nebraska.

Akins averaged 10.3 points and 5.3 rebounds at Western Nebraska during the 2006-07 season. Akins has one year of eligibility remaining, but will appeal to the NCAA for an extra year since he only played one game for Tarleton.

Drew Thompson is a 5-foot-9, 150 pound point guard from Millard West, who UNO hopes can follow in the family tradition of starring at UNO. Thompson's father,

grandfather and uncle all played for the Mavericks. His father, Dean Thompson Jr., is the all-time leading scorer in Maverick history.

Thompson had 121 assists and shot 59 percent for the Wildcats last fall. He chose to come to UNO because "it's close to home so my family and friends can come watch me play," he said.

Next year Thompson will redshirt and "hopes to be able to come in, run the scout team and push my other teammates in practice so they will be prepared for the games," he said.

Alex Welhouse is a 6-foot-6 guard/forward who comes to UNO from Kaukauna High School in Wisconsin. Welhouse scored 1,009 points in his high school career, second on the school's all time scoring list, and he averaged 21.7 points per game as a senior.

With these four additions and the returning players, UNO looks to be primed to compete for a Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association title next year.

Last season, the Mavericks split a two game series with Northwest Missouri State, who went on to win the MIAA title. They also are hoping to compete for the South Central Regional title and their first trip to the Elite Eight.

They will begin the 2008-09 season with a home game against Doane on Nov. 15 before traveling to Kearney on Nov. 17.



photo by Bill Wendt

The Mavericks have four recruits, including two college transfers, slated to join the team in the MIAA this fall.

UEFA Champions final an incredible example of European soccer

COMMENTARY BY
JON GREEN
CONTRIBUTOR

The Union of European Football Associations' Champions League Final, the most sought-after title in European soccer, was played on May 22 between Manchester United and Chelsea – the first time two English teams had met in the finals.

This is the championship of the tournament of the best of the European club teams. How do you confine your thoughts on one of the biggest soccer games of the year to just 800 words? I decided to talk about what I felt were the 10 most important moments of the game.

1. Wes Brown and Paul Scholes worked a beautiful one-two pass, got some space and sent it skyward towards Cristiano Ronaldo. Ronaldo found the ball, rose and put a beautiful header into the net. This was a huge goal for Ronaldo, arguably the best player in the world, who had never scored against Chelsea and had a reputation of not showing up in the big games. 1-0 Man U.

2. Chelsea was threatening to tie, when Wayne Rooney took the ball

and sprinted down the right side. He launched a 60-yard pass (one of the best I've ever seen) right ahead of Ronaldo, who ran to it and centered it for Owen Hargreaves. Hargreaves' header went right to Peter Cech who knocked it away, but it went to a streaking Michael Carrick. Carrick's kick went back to Cech again who knocked it out of play. Cech may have saved the game. Manchester United doesn't give up goals, and 2-0 would have been a huge lead.

3. The first half was almost over when Frank Lampard scored, what was described by Tommy Smyth as, a "very important goal" (no really?). An Essien shot was deflected twice and came to Lampard who just solidly put it into the net. Very fluky goal, but it counted just the same. Tied at one.

4. Didier Drogba got a moment of separation in the 77th minute and just took a rip. Incredible shot, but it hit the right post. It was amazing that he even got it there with the little space he had.

5. Four minutes into overtime, Lampard got the ball in the box about 12 yards away. He spun and fired...and hit the crossbar. Beautiful turn and fire, but once again Chelsea was denied.

6. Now 10 minutes into overtime,

Patrice Evra controlled the ball and made a brilliant run up the left side along the edge of the box. Cech was forced to come off his line and get in his way, so Evra centered to Ryan Giggs. With the net open, Giggs gave it a great kick, but John Terry found his way into the perfect position and headed it away. Terry saved the game for Chelsea.

7. Ten minutes into the second overtime a little shouting match developed between Terry and Carlos Teves. Drogba went for a cheap and girly slap on Nemanja Vidic. Subsequently, he received a red card and was sent off.

If you're going to get sent off, do it like a man (like Zinedine Zidane's infamous head-butting in the World Cup). Be smart, keep your hands down and this won't happen. Drogba got sent off making it 11 vs. 10, but this isn't a huge deal with 5 minutes left, right? It was a huge deal though, as heading to penalties this would mean Drogba, one of Chelsea's best weapons, can't kick.

8. Ronaldo was taking his penalty kick with his stutter step, but stuttered into a place where he was about one step from the ball. He couldn't drive through like he'd have liked, and ended up giving Cech a great chance to read

him. Reading him correctly, Cech blocked the shot (there's question as to whether it would have been allowed had it gone in). The best player in the game was now the goat, as Chelsea has to put 3 kicks in to win the Champions League.

9. Everything seemed right. The captain, Terry, saved the game earlier and now was the final penalty taker. The rain was pouring down. He stepped up to the ball. He just needed to put it in and then the celebration could begin. He started his run, planted his foot...and slipped. He still managed to strike the ball, but it sails to a wide right. The look on Terry's face told it all.

10. The final kick for Chelsea belonged to Nicolas Anelka, a substitute brought in during extra time. He kicked it right (but not far enough right) with Edwin van der Sar guessing it right and stopping the ball. Manchester United won the title. The scapegoat is Drogba, not Terry. He should have been taking that kick.

All in all, it was an amazing game. It gave us everything we asked for and more. There was great drama, some great plays and an amazing ending. It's a shame someone had to lose. If you haven't followed European soccer, do yourself a favor and start next year!

Runners finishes with appearance at NCAA II national preliminaries

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The Maverick track season came to an end in Walnut, Calif., this season during the preliminaries for the NCAA Division II Track and Field national championships.

Freshman Anja Puc was the only member of UNO's team to compete. She placed 11th in the 400-meter dash, being edged out of the contest by slightly over half a second by 9th place finisher Erica

Young of St. Augustine.

The May 22 prelims brought UNO's season to an abrupt end. However, leading up to the finals, the Mavericks competed in a couple late-season meets.

On April 27, UNO competed in the Nebraska Open in Lincoln. Puc made headlines by taking second in the 400-meter dash and fourth in the 200 meter dash. Senior Kaylen Harris took second in the 5000 meter, while sophomore Lisa Tesarek came in fourth in the 800 meter

run.

The Mavericks moved on to compete at the final regular meet of the season, the Kansas State meet in Manhattan, Kan., on May 3. Puc again had success in the 400-meter dash, taking third. Freshman Kayla Koepke took fifth in the same run.

On May 7, UNO competed in their final North Central Conference Outdoor Track meet in Walnut, Calif. The event was delayed and shortened by poor weather conditions.

The Mavericks placed sixth seven in the two day meet after suffering the loss of star sprinters Molly Belling, who had an injured toe, and Pinar Saka, who had a hamstring injury.

Overall, it was a difficult year for the Maverick runners. The team suffered injuries that placed a red shirt on some of their best athletes.

"We had to redshirt a lot of people this year," Head Coach Steven Smith said.

"We'll save them for next year with the MIAA."

Next year, UNO will join the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association after the recent dissolve of the North Central Conference.

Despite the difficulties, the underclassmen made quite an impression this year. Several made NCC appearances including sophomore Heather Minssen, a shot put thrower and Iowa native. Puc, Koepke and freshman Rasheim Pitt, a long jumper, round out the list.

"NCC is defunct, soon no one is going to care about them," Smith said. "Next year we will bring in new recruits so we can take on the MIAA with guns blazing."

NCC memories bring MIAA dreams UNO looks south to make new conference rivals

COMMENTARY BY
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UNO has seen its days in the North Central Conference come to an end after the completion of its 2008 spring season.

The NCC, in its 57 years of existence, brought with it a vast array of talent, coaching and championships throughout its generations. Unfortunately, the conference that once was, has not been for a while and its prime days are behind it.

Recently, teams like Northern Colorado, North Dakota State and South Dakota State left the conference in search of bigger success in the ranks of Division I-AA. The competitive balance had been deteriorating for some time, but the decision had to be made sooner or later.

There are no knocks on the level of competition in the NCC, the problem is that some teams outgrow their own conference and it usually leads to a split at some level. Current and former players and coaches have nothing but the utmost respect for the NCC and seem to share a definite twist of pride and melancholy about letting it go.

"In my 25 years in the NCC, I had a great experience," UNO Head Football Coach Pat Behrns told the Gateway earlier

this year. "It was sad to see it go, but there wasn't a lot we could do to stop it from going. The years that UNO spent in the NCC were really well spent against great competition."

With more than 43 Division II national titles and more than 300 individual national titles, the NCC spoke for itself about its talent.

"I think the level of competition for me personally, was one of the best in Division II sports," former UNO and NFL wide receiver Mar Tay Jenkins told the Gateway. "I think it shows by the numbers of teams from the conference moving up to the Division I level."

The old battles against North Dakota, North Dakota State, Mankato, South Dakota and South Dakota State – though now only memories – hold a big part in the success of the UNO program. The past success of the conference and its outgrowing of the competition suggests only one explanation for the move: It was time.

"It's been really tough to see the NCC disband and go its separate ways," former 1996 UNO volleyball national champion Amy (Steffel) Mandolfo told the Gateway. "We really had some good rivalries against Northern Colorado and North Dakota State. I definitely miss the time I spent in

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From the District: On a crowded train of isolation

WASHINGTON – Three weeks ago, I moved to Washington, D.C.

As the airplane taxied through the runway and I captured a glimpse of the beautiful Washington Monument, I was ecstatic. I recognized that three months in my favorite city could hold life-changing moments.

I was going to have opportunities and experiences that I could never get in Omaha (indeed this is true – this week alone I will dine with Vice President Dick Cheney and meet Supreme Court Chief Justice Antonin Scalia).

Starting my internship at the National Journalism Center within a day of unpacking my clothes, I began to see that some things are different in Washington, unlike any other cities in the nation and especially unlike good ol' Omaha.

While walking to the metro from my condo (yes, I live in a condo) and waiting for the train to arrive, something jumped out to me among those commuting into the District: isolation.

The commuters buried themselves into their newspapers, magazines and, even worse, the work they took home with them to isolate themselves. Everyone seemed so caught up into themselves, it is as if they're trying to cut off the outside world around them.

It was almost as if these people were looking for answers to life problems by reading a newspaper or listening to blaring iPods. Perhaps they were looking for something bigger and better than themselves and searching for it through their careers.

Instead, they're losing themselves. I've been there, done that. Don't plan on that happening again.

A speaker from Concerned Women for America

came and spoke to myself and 39 other interns with the program about Washington life. She warned us young professionals to make sure we knew what we were getting into and to prioritize our lives, aware of the sacrifices we could be making in the long run. She pointed out that most of the professionals are single, yet married ... only to their careers.

It made sense. That's why the men and women never make eye contact on the train, refuse to practice patience and always seem in a hurry to get to their next destination, wherever that may be.

My Washington friends and I joke that you'll always know the tourists apart from the locals: they look in your eyes, generally hold maps to guide their traveling and are just plain polite. Politeness is a bit uncommon in the District.

A lack of politeness definitely wasn't the lifestyle I imagined, nor plan on succumbing to. (I'm also determined to not become that person staying late at work, only to go home and work

some more; I will not be that person!)

We also joke that people here won't care about you unless you will get them somewhere or help them out in some way. Introductions of "Hello, my name is so-and-so, and I work with so-and-so" are not uncommon. It's all about who you know.

The people of DC are not what I thought they'd be. They definitely don't know how to maintain great personal relationships. Yes, they excel at professional relationships, but make up for it by lacking in their private lives.

I imagined a suave and blossoming social life, with the opportunity to meet smooth and motivated men. And I have. But, well, let's just say their motives are what are questionable.

The second weekend, I went out to a club for

a friend's 21st birthday in the young and college student bubbling Georgetown and enjoyed the night life. Or tried to at least. Within less than an hour of watching my friends dance in the throng of dance bar attendees, a man offered me drinks, his lips and his bed. After fleeing to the other side of the bar, another man offered me a drink and proceeded to brag about his car and house.

The next day, I went to my beloved D.C. United soccer game in my lonesome and a very wealthy, good-looking young man bought me a beer, gave me his number and informed me I should fly down with him to his current home in Miami to visit him.

These materialistic and shallow people do not appeal to me, yet something holds me here.

It's no surprise, after situations such that I've experienced, as well as the narcissistic attitudes and the lack of warmth in this city, yield higher average ages of marriage – 25 for women and 27 for men.

Don't get me wrong: I absolutely love it here. I'm surprisingly content in this place. Maybe I won't find my husband here – I'm OK with that. Looks like I'll just have to look elsewhere, even if I do end up "settling down" in the District for a while.

Besides, even if I don't find him here, there are bigger and better things; things I wish more people would realize that are more valuable than money or pretty possessions.

Do these material things really bring happiness? Perhaps in the short term.

Every city has its downfall and loss of self isn't unusual in a place as high speed as this. I guess that is one risk those daring to enter Washington take. I know I'm taking it and I'm doing just fine.

Who knows – maybe in five or ten years, I'll be the Washington woman cautioning new and young professionals to choose wisely.

One thing I do know: I won't be taking work home with me on the train.

Controlled Chaos



Cassy Loseke



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the NCC; it's kind of bitter sweet to see UNO move on."

The move will place UNO into a new type of climactic experience: the south. For years, UNO had been the southernmost team in its conference; it will now complete a 180-degree shift and become the northernmost team in its new conference.

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, the Missouri-based conference, features some exciting matchups for the Mavericks.

Former non-conference rival Northwest Missouri State will now become a conference rival, upping the odds to what was already an intense matchup. Other opponents in the MIAA include team like Emporia State, Truman State, Pittsburgh State, Fort Hays and the University of Central Missouri.

The Mavericks, having competed in a stout North Central Conference for many years, should be up for this challenge. It's not a jump to Division II athletics, but it is a

jump to a more competitive and notorious conference.

This 10 team conference, with the addition of UNO, will undoubtedly speak volumes about the talent that is produced by some of these schools.

Last April, senior running back Xavier Oman from Northwest Missouri State was selected by the Buffalo Bills in the sixth round of the 2008 NFL draft. Oman, a 5-foot-11, 226 pound NFL rookie, led Division II in rushing yards (2,337) in 2007 and led the Bearcats to a national championship game.

The Mavericks, in every sport, will be expecting such competition from their newfound southern home. The memories of the NCC will never be forgotten.

As time moves, things change and for the Mavericks the transition to the MIAA will most definitely take some time. With the talent at UNO, there will be some extremely competitive MIAA curiosity in the fall.

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Flooding took place across central Nebraska, including in Columbus where Copy Editor Cassy Loseke's parents' farm was one of the many properties to face flood water.

Flooding damages Kearney campus, stomps central Nebraska

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Strong storms, including several tornadoes, hit central Nebraska on Thursday, May 29.

Most of the University of Nebraska at Kearney was shut down Friday, except for essential personnel as well as student advising and enrollment sessions.

According to a university press release, UNK's damage was mostly to the roofs of several buildings: the College of Education building, the Fine Arts building, Founders Hall and Mantor Hall.

Other damage included uprooted trees strewn around campus.

All students and campus personnel were accounted for after the storm. There were no injuries on campus.



courtesy UNK Athletics

Although no damage was inflicted to Loper softball's Dryden Park, several nearby trees were uprooted, including the one pictured above.



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Signs placed around Loper baseball's Memorial Field were located scattered about nearby Harmon Park. The signs were later piled up as pictured above.

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A swift blow brings tragedy to holiday weekend



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A dirty stuffed animal remained in the rubble of the Baldwin-Linders tornado-damaged home in Hugo, Minnesota, Monday, May 26.

BY PAMELA MILLER, CHAO XIONG AND KEVIN GILES
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

MINNEAPOLIS (MCT) — A 2-year-old child was killed and eight people were seriously injured Sunday evening after a tornado plowed through Hugo, Minn., northeast of the Twin Cities, destroying or severely damaging about 150 homes.

Houses lay splintered in a wide and long swath of the small Washington County community after a hail-bearing thunderstorm that formed west of the northern Twin Cities spawned tornados as it rolled eastward across the area and into western Wisconsin about 5 p.m. Thousands of households were without power and downed trees blocked roads, slowing rescue efforts.

A 6-year-old girl, who had been severely injured and whose heart had stopped, was revived in an ambulance on the way to St. John's Hospital in Maplewood and later transferred to Regions Hospital in St. Paul, said hospital spokeswoman Anne Sonnee.

Hugo Mayor Fran Miron said the dead and injured children appeared to be from the same family, adding that he did not know their names. The children's parents also were hospitalized, he said.

St. John's treated and released three other people.

Others were being treated at an emergency clinic set up in an elementary school.

Rescue vehicles from several agencies and 250 emergency workers converged on the area.

As many as 20 people were initially unaccounted for, but by 10 p.m. officials said all were located. Many were likely away on vacation for the Memorial Day weekend, Miron said.

"It's probably a blessing in this case," he said.

The tornado-spawning storms formed after a cool front invaded a humid atmosphere in which the temperature had shot up to 84 degrees at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport by midafternoon, said Todd Krause, a forecaster at the

National Weather Service in Chanhassen.

The first reports of troublesome weather came from Willmar and Litchfield, and by 4 p.m., the Weather Service was issuing multiple warnings for the area from Buffalo to Albertville and eastward. A warning for the Hugo area was issued at 4:37 p.m.; the storm struck just before 5 p.m.

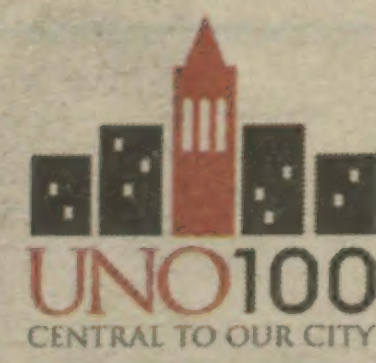
"There was adequate time" to take cover, Miron said. "Everything points to it being a tornado" that hit in Hugo, Krause said, but an official verdict won't be in until teams of experts inspect the damage on the ground Monday, he said.

Staff writer David Phelps of the Minneapolis Star Tribune contributed to this report.

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Tuition to raise 6 percent again next year across system

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

LINCOLN – Friday the Board of Regents voted 7-1 to raise tuition at UNO next year by 6 percent, or \$9.25 per credit hour, continuing a four-year trend of stable tuition increases.

The 6 percent includes a 1 percent overall tuition increase required by Legislative Bill 605, the university's deferred maintenance bill. The bill provides funding for university renovation projects such as the Criss Library renovation.

Regent Randy Ferlic, who represents portions of Douglas and Sarpy counties, cast the sole nay vote, reiterating his position that the university needs stable tuition. Ferlic also cast the only dissenting vote last June when the university raised tuition.

"I have problems with the 6 percent, as you well know," Ferlic said. "I'm extremely concerned about student debt and what it does to the futures of students in the state of Nebraska and their opportunities to remain in the state. And my job, as Wayne Gretzky said, is not to see where the puck has been, it's where the puck is going, and I see hard times ahead for our students."

Ferlic said, while he did applaud the university's efforts, led by President James B. Milliken, to increase cost efficiency, he felt that more productivity was possible. He also said UNL's proposed general education revisions and UNO's 12-month calendar initiative would help bring the university closer to achieving some of its goals.

Regent Howard Hawks, who represents portions of eastern Nebraska, said he agreed with Ferlic in principle but was encouraged by the university not balancing its budget with tuition. Hawks said the university instead saved 2 percent or 3 percent worth of additional increases by tightening its budget.

In addition to budget restraints, Milliken cited an increase in the university's Tuition Assistance Program, which provides need-based financial aid to undergraduate, resident students who are eligible for a Pell grant. This year, the program covered tuition costs for students with families earning less than \$38,500.

"This year, we expanded it to a broader group of Nebraskans beyond Pell-grant eligibility to a typical Nebraska family of \$45,000," Milliken said. "This is a great promise from the state and the University of Nebraska to provide access to those students assisted with tuition, a guarantee essentially that you will not be responsible for your own tuition charges if you're in that income level. This is a commitment from the University of Nebraska, one of the broadest in the country."

The Board of Regents has raised tuition 5 percent the last four years, beginning in 2005 and including an additional 1 percent for LB 605 since 2006. Prior to that, in the early '00s, NU students saw double-digit increases: 10 percent in 2001 and 2002, 15 percent in 2003 and 12 percent

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Midwest pummeled by tornadoes Four Boy Scouts dead, many injured in Little Sioux, Iowa

JILLIAN WHITNEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Four Boy Scouts were killed and 48 others were injured in a tornado that hit a wilderness camp in Little Sioux, Iowa, during a severe storm that crossed the Midwest, including Omaha and Council Bluffs, Wednesday night.

The four boys were identified as Josh Fennen, 13; Sam Thomsen, 13; and Ben Petrzilka, 14, all of Omaha, along with Aaron Eilerts, 14, of Eagle Grove, Iowa.

More than 90 campers and 25 adults were attending a leadership camp at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch when the tornado struck.

According to the Omaha World-Herald, the Boy Scouts were split into two groups. One group took shelter before the tornado sirens went off; the other group was out on a hike. The four boys were killed by a stone chimney the tornado knocked in.

In an interview with the World-Herald, Boy Scout Ethan Hession described his experience surviving the tornado.

As he crouched in a corner of the cabin, he heard a thunderous roar. Glass and debris began to fall all around

him and he was struck in the head. Just as soon as it started, it was over, Hession said.

Hession said he stood up and began helping fellow scouts free the injured from the rubble.

By the time the storm passed, the Little Sioux Scout Ranch was in shambles. All around the camp, trees were torn out of the ground, buildings had been destroyed and debris littered the ground.

Iowa Governor Chet Culver praised the Boy Scouts that jumped into action moments after the tornado passed as "heroes"

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PHOTO BY MICHELLE BISHOP

The recently closed Millard Lumber yard was in the path of one of the tornadoes that struck the southwest Omaha area on May 8.

Development to boom on Pacific Street campus

JILLIAN WHITNEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Over the next few years, the development area next to UNO's Pacific Street campus will take on a whole new feel.

Aksarben Village, the area between Pine Street and West Center Road from Aksarben Drive to 63rd Street, is aiming to become a midtown Old Market for the Omaha community.

The village will be a blend of residential areas, office buildings, stores, restaurants, movie theaters and a hotel. It will also feature a new public park.

"The goal of Aksarben Village is to try to create a



PHOTO BY VALERIE LOSEKE

A Marriot hotel will be one of the new developments on Pacific Street campus, including entertainment areas.

community asset that will be able to last for the next 100 years," said Jay Noddle, the lead developer of the project and president of Noddle Companies, at an informative meeting on campus June 5.

Four other companies are also collaborating with Noddle: Magnum Development, RWH Development, Broadmoor Development and Hancock/Alchemy.

"With the cooperation of UNO and other surrounding areas, all of the sudden the planning area was much greater than just the 80 acres, in fact the area now totals just over 200 acres," Noddle said. "Hopefully, everyone realizes how important the university has been to this development. This would not be happening if UNO wasn't doing the things they are."

Magnum Development is responsible for the design and construction of an Aksarben Village entertainment center named Zone 5. The center will house a 12-screen movie theater, restaurants, bowling alley, arcade, bars and fitness center.

"By the third quarter to the early fourth quarter of 2009 we will see the first occupants of the entertainment zone open for business," Noddle said.

The village will also have a community lawn area with seating for up to 4,000 people, a performance shell, water features and gardens. A 90-foot tower will serve as the focal

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Boy Scouts describe tornado's terror

More coverage of the tragedy in Little Sioux, Iowa, as scouts recall their terrifying experience.

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Creighton to go tobacco-free

Tobacco products will be banned starting July 1 on Creighton's campus, while UNO still debates action.

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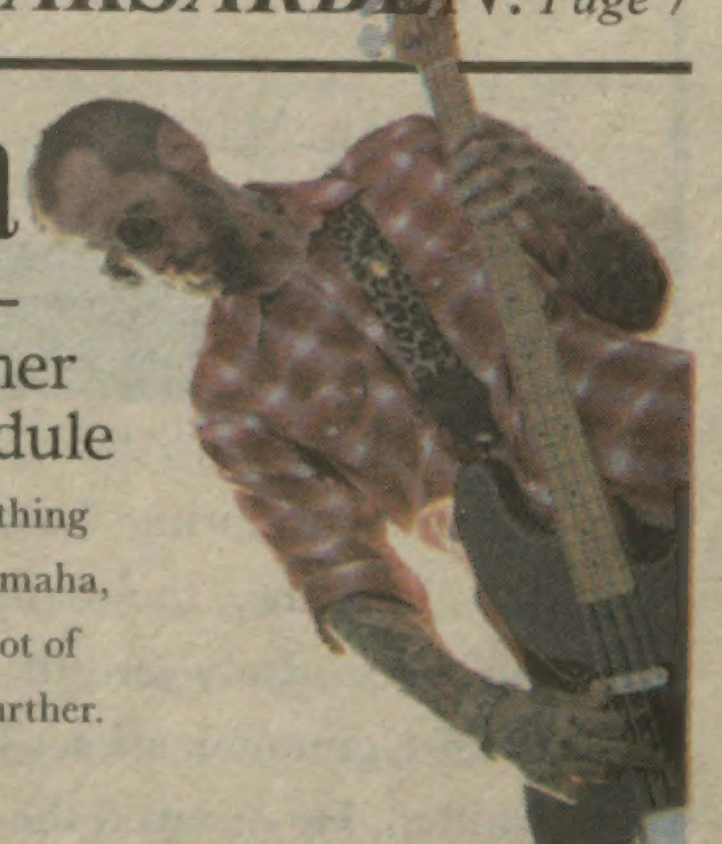
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Looking for something exciting to do in Omaha, but don't have a lot of money? Look no further.

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Creighton to implement campus-wide tobacco ban

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Creighton students, faculty and staff wanting to grab a quick smoke between classes will have a difficult choice to make starting next month: go without or leave campus.

Starting July 1, Creighton University will go tobacco-free, completely banning tobacco use from all university facilities and property. The only exception will be university-approved research involving tobacco use.

Director of Public Relations Deb Daley said The Cardiac Center at Creighton University had gone smoke free with "a positive experience." Between the known health risks and the recent passage of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act, LB 395, Daley said the university made up its mind to transition to a tobacco-free environment.

"It's going very well," said Syed Mohiuddin, the chairman of the university's Tobacco-Free Task Force. "About two, two and half years ago, I proposed to Father Schlegel we ought to have the entire campus be tobacco free. We did have the

existing policies which made the inside the buildings smoke free, but outside the buildings people were allowed to smoke, and I thought it would be better for the health of everybody."

Rev. John Schlegel, Creighton's president, announced in November that Mohiuddin would lead a group of students, faculty and representatives of different sections and facilities to develop and implement a university-wide tobacco policy, Daley said.

Daley said the university wanted a lot of time to make the transition, and initially the policy will focus on informing campus community members of the new rules and support services available, including a Commit to Quit program free for faculty. Special events and a Web site for students are also planned.

"I think we had an anticipation that a lot of staff would be really negative toward this but we actually found quite the opposite," Daley said.

Student had concerns about the ban focused on enforcement, which has been the crux of debate in UNO's Student Senate regarding support for a similar ban. Mohiuddin said some groups wanted strict rules from the beginning while others wanted more time for education.

Next year, once the ban has been in place, Mohiuddin said infractions would be reported to a supervisor or dean. First offense

would receive warning, but subsequent offences would likely accrue penalties, which would be established next year.

For more information on Creighton's anti-tobacco policy, visit tobaccofree.creighton.edu.

Creighton ban fits growing trend

UNO Director of Student Health Services Marcia Adler said Creighton's ban is part of a larger trend of universities going tobacco free.

"We're late doing it," Alder said. "It's a trend that's coming."

The City of Omaha passed a partial smoking ban in June 2006 that banned smoking in public places except for stand-alone bars, Horseman's Park and keno establishments.

Omaha's ban followed a stricter complete ban by the City of Lincoln, which went into effect in January 2005.

With Nebraska's passage of LB 395, public places statewide will go smoke-free in June 2009, with tobacco shops, some hotel rooms, some laboratories and business in private homes, other than licensed child care facilities

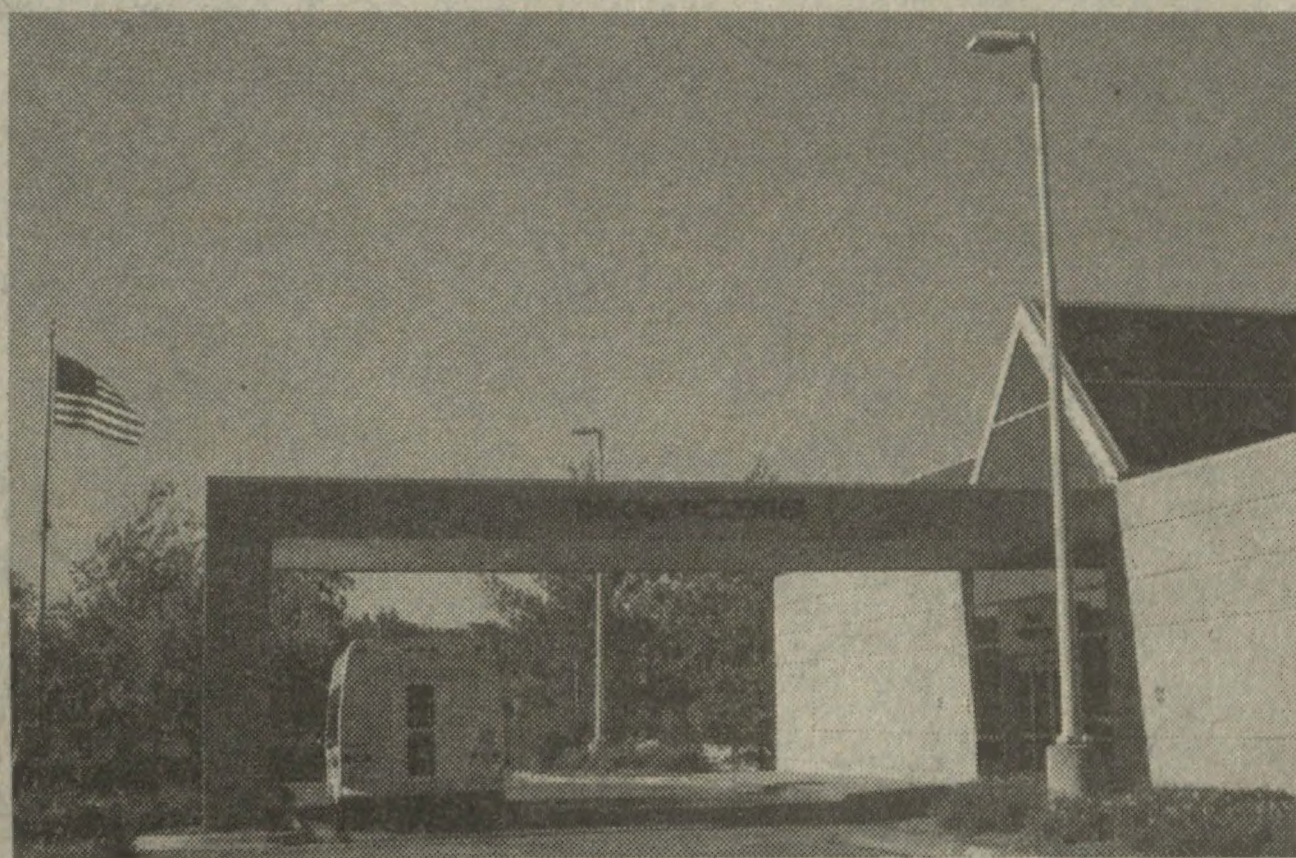


PHOTO BY VALERIE LOSEKE

The Cardiac Center at Creighton has led the way for the entire campus, having become smoke-free about two years ago.

being the only exceptions.

On May 30, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the exemptions were unconstitutional since they did not take the health of employees at exempted businesses into account. It was expected that the entirety of Omaha would be smoke free by June 30.

Other universities across the nation have been implementing smoking bans as well. Mohiuddin said Eastern Michigan University, for instance, has been smoke free for five years.

Eastern Michigan's policy, however, is not as strict as Creighton: tobacco use is permitted outside, 25 feet from any building entrance, air intake duct or window, according to the university's Web site. Tobacco is also banned in outdoor areas where seating is available and university vehicles are located.

UNO ban faces enforcement, political problems

Legislation calling for smoking bans have been considered several times by UNO's student government, most recently this spring. A proposal by former Sen. Holly Byers would have sought to establish eight "free smoking" zones across campus as part of a compromised ban. Senators first sent the resolution back to committee then voted it down on April 10, citing concerns about a

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Regents pass resolution regarding Fair petition

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

LINCOLN – The University of Nebraska took a public stand against a petition effort to repeal Legislative Bill 1116, which allows for the Nebraska State Fair to move from the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Lancaster County.

LB 1116 is anticipated to move the State Fair to Grand Island, allowing the current Nebraska State Fairgrounds to be purchased by the university. UNL intends to build "Innovation Campus," a public-private research and development campus that encourages private businesses to work with university research faculty on the site.

On Friday, the Board of Regents unanimously passed a resolution calling on Nebraskans to not sign a petition being circulated by FairVoteNebraska.com, which is trying to gather about 600,000 signatures by July 16 to put the referendum on the ballot this November. There was no discussion of the resolution at the meeting.

The full text of the resolution is available on the Gateway's Web site, unogateway.com.

In other business, the Board of Regents:

- Established a new charter for the Peter Kiewit Institute on UNO's Pacific Street campus, updating the institute's mission and establishing a new position of chief director and chief science officer, who report directly to Milliken;

- Approved the fiscal year 2008-09 operating budget and fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 biennial operating budget request;

- OK'd the naming of the new College of Administration Building on UNO's Pacific Street campus, scheduled to open in fall 2010, as "Mammel Hall," in commemoration of Carl and Joyce Mammel's support of UNO;

- Met in closed session to discuss mediation in University of Nebraska v. BASF Corp., a lawsuit focused on a 1993 agreement between the university and BASF Corp. regarding intellectual property rights with respect to research on crops resistant to a herbicide, according to legal documents obtained by a LexisNexis search. The university sued BASF Corp. claiming ownership of the know-how, inventions and patents stemming from the research performed by university personnel under the agreement.

Crime Log

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SCOTT STEWART
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Tuesday, May 27

7:55 p.m. Campus Security was dispatched to University Village regarding a complaint of a controlled substance violation. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of a student for possession of a controlled substance by Omaha police.

Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said the substance was less than an ounce of marijuana.

Wednesday, May 28

8:45 p.m. Campus Security was dispatched to the

Criss Library regarding a complaint of lewd conduct. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of a visitor for lewd conduct by Omaha police.

Kosel said a female reported that a male visitor exposed himself; he was later identified and denied doing committing the crime.

Thursday, June 5

11:15 p.m. Campus Security responded to a complaint of an alcohol violation in Lot K. Further investigation disclosed a visitor with alcohol in his vehicle and alcohol in an apartment of University Village.

Kosel said one student, the occupant of the apartment, was referred for disciplinary action.

For the Record

In the article, "Alum, family survive being tied up, threatened during home invasion," published in the June 3 issue, the date that *Omaha World-Herald* photographer Rudy Smith was presented the UNO School of Communication's lifetime achievement award was omitted. He received the award on Friday, May 2.

In the opinion column "From the District: On a crowded train of isolation," Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia was incorrectly identified as the Chief Justice of the United States. The chief justice is John Roberts.

The Gateway apologizes for these mistakes.

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From the District: love of soccer, Christian charity are rediscovered

WASHINGTON — I've recently rediscovered my addiction to soccer. Now that I'm in a city with an Major League Soccer team, I've made an effort attend as many D.C. United games as possible. I've even enjoyed watching Union of European Football Association's Euro 2008 tournament on ESPN just as much as the live soccer in the District (OK, that may be a little bit of an exaggeration).

Attendance to the games, however, has helped me rediscover more than just a passion for the sport — it's helped me rediscover the necessity to serve others.

This past weekend, I was heading home on the metro after United's latest win and was quietly approached by a man asking if I had 45 cents. I nodded my head 'no,' thinking I didn't have change, so he proceeded on to a young man, presumably in the military from the looks of the gray Army hoodie he wore.

He again requested change and, without speaking, the young man dug around his jean pockets searching. I looked on as he pulled out a \$20 bill he crumpled into a ball to give discretely, so as to not embarrass the man any further. The man graciously accepted the money and put it into his makeshift jean shorts and left as the doors of the train opened.

It crossed my mind that it didn't look as if the man needed that much cash. He didn't look particularly dirty or poor, just that he was short 45 cents on his fare card. I wanted to slap myself as soon as I realized the selfish thought. Immediately, the magnitude of the gift brought me down to reality.

It was simultaneously heartbreaking and uplifting to see someone selflessly give with ease. I wanted to weep in shame for my judgmental attitude and also in thanksgiving, after witnessing his kindness. I had the urge to give the proud soldier a hug, although I restrained myself. I couldn't help but wonder if this young man was a Christian and began to reflect on my own actions or lack of actions to witness through good work.

It struck me that this man did not act out of selfish ambition. He did not need, nor want anything in return; it is acts like these that convince me witnessing through deeds is more effective than preaching the word many may find hard to relate to.

I also wondered how much charity is too much — didn't this soldier find it enough to serve his country? Did he really need to give \$20 to a stranger? Better yet, why did he give so freely?

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Controlled Chaos



Cassy Loseke

The Supreme Court's restoration of the Great Writ: a slip opinion

I'm not a lawyer, although I wouldn't mind someday being one if it meant I could contribute to assuring that the rule of law is upheld in this country.

I started out intending to write a column about how the Supreme Court of the United States struck down key portions of the Military Commissions Act on Friday. This decision restored the Great Writ of Habeas Corpus, the right to appear in court to determine whether you are lawfully imprisoned, for those deemed "enemy combatants" and incarcerated indefinitely at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

While researching this momentous restoration of liberty, I read portions of the courts' slip opinion for the case, *Boumediene v. Bush*. The opinion is perhaps one of the most moving pieces I have read in a long time — its simplicity, clarity and strength affirms how fundamental our rights are to the preservation of the republic.

So, rather than opine at length, I would like to share the opinion of the court, written by Reagan-appointed Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, as it struck down the challenges to the Great Writ:

"In considering both the procedural and

substantive standards used to impose detention to prevent acts of terrorism, proper deference must be accorded to the political branches. See *United States v. Curtiss-Wright Export Corp.*, 299 U. S. 304, 320 (1936). Unlike the President and some designated Members of Congress, neither the Members of this Court nor most federal judges begin the day with briefings that may describe new and serious threats to our Nation and its people. The law must accord the

Executive substantial authority to apprehend and detain those who pose a real danger to our security.

"Officials charged with daily operational responsibility for our security may consider a judicial discourse on the history of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679 and like matters to be far removed from the Nation's present, urgent concerns. Established legal doctrine, however, must be consulted

for its teaching. Remote in time; irrelevant to the present it is not. Security depends upon a sophisticated intelligence apparatus and the ability of our Armed Forces to act and to interdict. There are further considerations, however. Security subsists, too, in fidelity to freedom's first principles. Chief among these

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Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

Polar bears, oil: American greed needs to be restrained by people

I am tired of hearing about rising gas prices, but not for the reasons you might think: I am tired of hearing people who do nothing to help the environment complain about gas prices.

These people insist that we drill on U.S. soil, use our own natural resources and stop fighting for oil in the Middle East. The same people blame Democrats for the problem, saying they are at fault for not allowing drilling in Alaska and the Arctic. They blame Congress for not doing something.

My thought is that the American people are to blame for our current situation.

They twice put a president in office who is a known as an "oil man," who led us to war in the Middle East over just that. They drive Hummers and SUVs and other gas-guzzling vehicles and then complain that it takes \$100 dollars to fill their tank.

They refuse to recycle because they believe global warming isn't real and it's too late to save the planet anyway. They say it's sad that the polar bears are dying, but people are more important.

Is oil honestly more important than polar bears?

Everyone talks about energy independence, but no one wants the unsightly

wind energy panel in their back yard. Everyone wants to use our natural resources, but what happens when those are gone? Who will the American people blame next?

The problem isn't Democrats or Congress, or even President Bush, much to my chagrin.

It's the American lifestyle. Everything has to be bigger, better and faster, and no one wants to wait for a real solution.

Quick fixes that lead to generations of problems are perfectly fine as long as they make us comfortable right now. Who cares about our children and our children's children? Don't they deserve to see polar bears?

What infuriates me the most about the people I hear these complaints from isn't

the gas issue.

It's that they are more upset that we are begging for oil in the Middle East than that we are fighting an illegal war in the Middle East. People are ready to march on Washington and demand a revolution for oil, but not for the soldiers who are over in Iraq dying every day.

This leads me to believe that people not only think oil is more important than polar bears, but people, too. America needs a revolution, but not the kind we're looking for.

Simply Fabulous



Christina Clark

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Storms bring tragedy,

Boy Scouts at Iowa camp describe tornado's terror

By JASON NOBLE
KANSAS CITY STAR

BLENCOC, Iowa (MCT) — The collar of Zach Jessen's scout uniform was scuffed with dirt. His arm was welted and bruised and his back, he said, looked like someone had gone over it with a baseball bat.

Despite all that, Zach was up, active and cool as could be at 7 Thursday morning — scarcely 12 hours after he rode out a tornado at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Western Iowa.

The tornado killed two 13-year-old scouts and two 14-year-old scouts, said Lloyd Roitstein, an executive with the Mid America Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Dozens more were injured.

At a news conference Thursday morning, the four who died were identified as Aaron Eilerts, 14, of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and Josh Fennen, 13, Sam Thomsen, 13, and Ben Petrzilka, 14, all of Omaha.

Of the injured, four were in a Sioux City, Iowa, hospital in serious but stable condition. Twenty were taken to a hospital in Onawa, Iowa, where 13 were treated and released and six were admitted with minor injuries. One was transferred to Sioux City.

Eleven of the injured were taken to a hospital in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Three of those were transferred to Creighton Hospital in Omaha. Their injuries included a skull fracture, a pelvic fracture and a spinal injury.

Ninety-three scouts were at the camp Wednesday night when the tornado stormed through, leveling the shelter where they huddled as the storm approached. The scouts, ages 13 to 18, and 25 staff members were attending a weeklong leadership training camp.

The scouts were outdoors around 6:30, when the storm blew in, said Zach, a 14-year-old youth scout leader from Fremont, Neb. They saw the funnel cloud form and then ran to a shelter about a quarter mile away to take cover.

Once inside, they planned to ride out the storm by watching a movie, but the power went out. Within moments, the door blew open, and a scout leader shouted to take cover under the tables.

The scouts heard the wind and rain bearing down on them. It sounded "like freight trains coming at us," Zach said.

Zach grabbed his best friend at the camp and laid on top of him, trying to shield him from the flying debris.

"When it hit, it felt like I was getting shot at — there was rocks, dirt, grass, trees, everything," Zach said.

He took most of the shots in his back, he said.

The whole episode lasted about 30 seconds, Zach said, but he remembered it in vivid detail.

The tornado lifted a truck owned by a scout leader and flung it against the shelter's chimney. Once shaken, the chimney rose in the air, fell, rose again and then collapsed.

It was the chimney that killed the four scouts, Zach said.

The scene afterward was panicked, he

said, but the scouts quickly began helping one another.

"There was screaming. Loud screaming," he said. "I'll never forget that."

Their training helped. The scouts just a day or two before had practiced emergency response and first aid techniques — skills they used in the long moments after the tornado passed.

"The Boy Scout motto is 'Be Prepared,'" he said. "We were prepared."

Zach arrived at a hospital in nearby Onawa around 8 p.m., and met up with his father a couple hours later. His mother arrived at 3 Thursday morning.

Four scouts were in serious but stable condition Thursday morning in a Sioux City, Iowa, hospital.

"We're pleased. They're doing pretty well," said Mike Krysl, a spokesman for Mercy Hospital in Sioux City.

Three of the teens were airlifted and another was brought by ambulance. The families of all four boys are present at the hospital, Krysl said.

Sioux City is about 40 miles north of Little Sioux.

Some of the other more seriously injured scouts may also have been taken to hospitals in Omaha, which is about 40 miles south of the camp, he said.

Several dozen more scouts were treated at smaller hospitals in Onawa and Missouri Valley, Krysl said.

These "walking wounded" sustained cuts and bruises in the storm, which leveled the shelter where the boys had taken cover.

The camp's proximity to large hospitals in both Sioux City and Omaha was fortuitous, Krysl said, ensuring that no one hospital was overwhelmed.

Krysl said his hospital was "inundated" throughout the night with calls from parents trying to find their children, underscoring the confusion wrought by the tornado.



PHOTO BY MIKE RANDELL / KANSAS CITY STAR / MCT

A Boy Scout troop leader looks through what was left of a shelter Thursday, after four scouts were killed by a tornado that blew through the camp near Little Sioux, Iowa. The unidentified troop leader had been at the camp when the tornado struck on Wednesday.



PHOTO BY JULIE KOEHN / THE DAILY IOWAN

Two people sit on a bench outside Adler Journalism Building at the University of Iowa as water creeps up the sidewalk on Saturday. Adler was evacuated on Friday and sand bagging began on Saturday.

Floodwater shuts down U. Iowa campus

'We're racing against time, water' as three more feet expected

By ALYSSA CASHMAN
THE DAILY IOWAN, U. IOWA

IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE) — Only the tops of parking meters are visible in the muck. The sandbag wall, which volunteers spent countless days erecting, has been breached in many places. A fine layer of water on the ground floor of Mayflower has developed.

The North Dubuque Street residence hall is taking on water. A walkway extends from the Cliff Apartments directly north of the dorm over the flooded parking lots to Mayflower's side door.

On central campus, notices taped to the doors of the Adler Journalism Building and the Becker Communications Studies Building warned people to stay out or face trespassing charges.

As the Iowa River sped by with a quickened current, the muddy waters continued to affect nearly every aspect of the University of Iowa.

"We're racing against time and water," said Don Guckert, UI associate vice president for Facilities Management.

At the UI Main Library, book after book with yellow-edged pages were handled cautiously as volunteers moved them from the basement. Over 100 of the volunteers formed a line, passing the volumes from person to person. They were hoping to save all the books in the basement by moving them to higher floors.

Outside, people helped to sandbag around Madison Street as occupants emptied numerous buildings. Meanwhile, officials reported that summer classes will be suspended until June 22 as professors were ordered out of all campus buildings within a couple blocks of the river.

More and more services went offline on Friday as Student Health Services and the Admissions Office closed their doors for the next week. Hours at UI QuickCare centers were also altered, which could limit many students' access

to health services as the flooding continues.

At the UI Hospitals and Clinics, health services were limited to only those who needed "essential care," according to a statement released Friday afternoon. Officials are continuing to explore ways to make sure physicians are able to make it to work.

UI officials praised volunteers and staff, saying that they were responding to the crisis to the best of their ability.

"Regardless of what Mother Nature does to us, we're responding as a family," said Charles Green, assistant vice president for the UI Police.

UI President Sally Mason called the circumstances dire but noted that everyone was "staying strong."

As access points to campus were closed off one-by-one, the administration encouraged staff and faculty to stay home. Orientation sessions

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flooding to Heartland



PHOTO BY ROBIN SVEC / THE DAILY IOWAN

The lot of McGurk-Meyers Chrysler falls victim to floodwaters in Coralville, Iowa, on Saturday.



PHOTO BY ROBIN SVEC / THE DAILY IOWAN

A truck unloads sandbags to be used in a flood relief effort in Coralville, Iowa, on Saturday.



PHOTO BY MATT BINTER / KSU COLLEGIAN / U-WIRE

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house was one of the most damaged areas of Kansas State University's campus. The house lost a large portion of its roof Wednesday night.

Tornado hits KSU's nuclear reactor

UWIRE – A tornado that ripped through Kansas State University's campus Wednesday night damaged a building housing a nuclear reactor, officials said in a statement Thursday.

The reactor is stable and was shut down Wednesday before the tornado hit, according to an alert filed with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"There is no danger from the reactor, even if the roof and walls had been damaged," said Mo Hosni, head of K-State's department of mechanical and nuclear engineering, in a statement on the school's Web site.

Officials estimated storm damages

would exceed \$20 million. According to an announcement on the school Web site, the Wind Erosion Laboratory was destroyed.

"The damage on campus is extensive," Tom Rawson, vice president for administration and finance, said in a statement. "Roofs have been damaged or torn off, windows have been blown out in many buildings."

School officials said there were no reported injuries and the damage was primarily on the school's south campus.

Classes were canceled Thursday as officials worked to restore power and clean up debris.

Iowa River flood study never done

BY CHRISTOPHER PATTON
THE DAILY IOWAN, U. IOWA

IOWA CITY – A proposed and rejected project to comprehensively examine areas near the Iowa River after the 1993 flood may have allowed more accurate predictions this year.

The project was known as the Comprehensive Flood Impact-Response Modeling System. It would have allowed people living along the Iowa River to track how the discharge rate from the Coralville Reservoir would affect the water level at any given location immediately up or downstream.

Charles Newsom, a University of Iowa associate professor of physics who closely follows issues relating to the Coralville Reservoir, said the system, had it been funded, would have made it clear exactly how much financial damage any given severity of flood would cause.

"The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers] learned one big lesson from 1993 and that was to give people more advanced warning," he said. "But [the flood project] would have allowed the city and county to get more of the information they need in order to know which areas will be hardest hit."

Jim Stiman, the chief of water management for the Army Corps of Engineers' Rock Island division, said the system would have benefited Iowa City's management more than the Corps itself.

"It would really just help the city plan and prepare," he said.

Ron Fournier, a spokesman for the Corps, said it was unable to move forward because the federal government never provided the necessary funding. The cost would have

been approximately \$3 million, he said.

"Unfortunately, we just don't have the funding to do that sort of study," Fournier said. "Congress has to provide it, and it didn't in this case."

One way in which the Corps is better prepared now than in 1993 is that it has installed gauges in creeks entering the Iowa River below the reservoir so officials can take flash-flood conditions into account when deciding how much water to let out of the Reservoir at any given time.

However, even though the survey was never completed, Sgt. Troy Kelsay, a spokesman for the Iowa City police, said he believes the city is better prepared now because of its experience in 1993.

"We had good warning this time and great communication all around - we know when the flooding is going to happen," he said. "Also, we've had decent weather, which has allowed us to prepare."

However, he said, the Iowa River's flooding is to a large degree an uncontrollable event. Despite lessons learned and the best preparation, he said, the city is only minimally able to prevent flood damage.

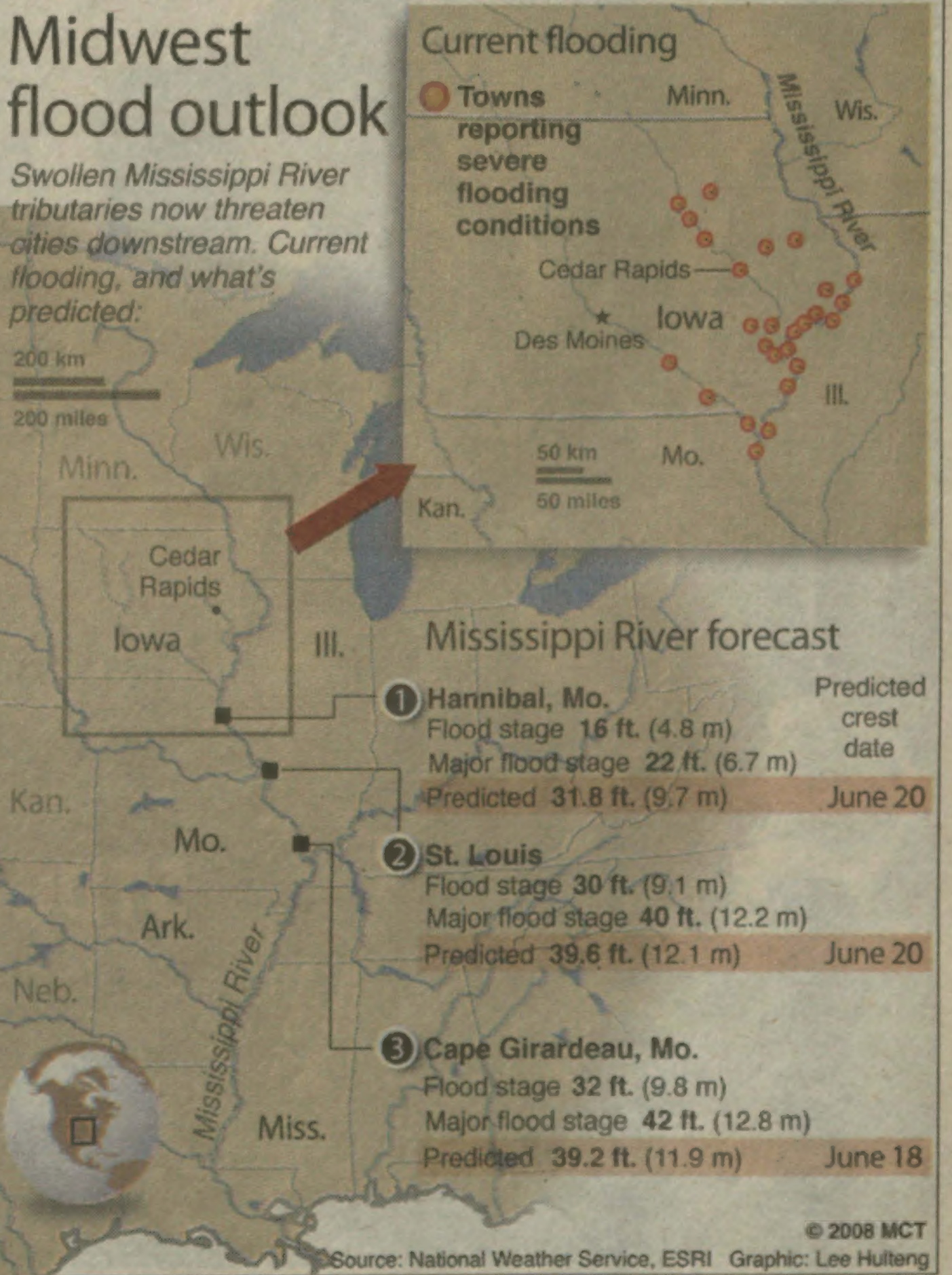


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Floodwater passes over Riverside Drive between Burlington and Myrtle Streets in Iowa City, Iowa, on Saturday.

From **IOWA**: Page 4 were postponed, and several events have been canceled, including the Summer Writing Festival. UI sponsored sports and music camps have been canceled as well.

On the west banks of the expanding river, the Boyd Law School was closed Friday evening. The bar review and LSAT tests were also canceled. The ACT was postponed.

Along with the Law School, the Pappajohn Business Building was also closed until at least June 23.

Guckert said they were still expecting at least three more feet of water, which suggests the battle against the Iowa River is far from over.

DI reporters Brian Stewart and Olivia Moran contributed to this report.

Free summer events offer students affordable fun

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With gas prices at an all-time high and the cost of tuition taking another staggering jump in the fall, many students are foregoing their summer vacations and are instead learning how to pinch pennies. But, without a wallet full of cash, how does one soak up the sun and take some well-deserved time off without all the added expenditures?

Luckily for us, Omaha has several events going on throughout the summer that are both fun and easy on the pocketbook.

Shops at Legacy Amphitheater's concert series

Starting June 21 at 1 p.m., the Shops at Legacy near 169th Street and West Center Road will host free concerts every Saturday through the end of August.

The \$80,000 amphitheater has a brand new 40-foot by 60-foot stage and will feature acts like cover band Pink Cadillac, The Confidentials and the Chris Saub Trio.

This venue will also boast a blues and jazz festival on July 5, the Country Music Festival on August 16 and live music July 11 through July 13 in celebration of the Taste of West Omaha. The venue also features several food and beverage vendors and can hold around 2,500 people.

While there is VIP seating available, concertgoers should bring blankets and lawn chairs to these events.

For more information, go to theshopsoflegacy.com.

Omaha Summer Arts Festival

Now in its 34th year, the Omaha Summer Arts Festival has several activities for adults, children and everyone in between to enjoy.

This year's theme is more Cajun-based with several performances by the Hot 8 Brass Band from New Orleans and features three days of nonstop music, unique artwork, exotic food and numerous children's activities.

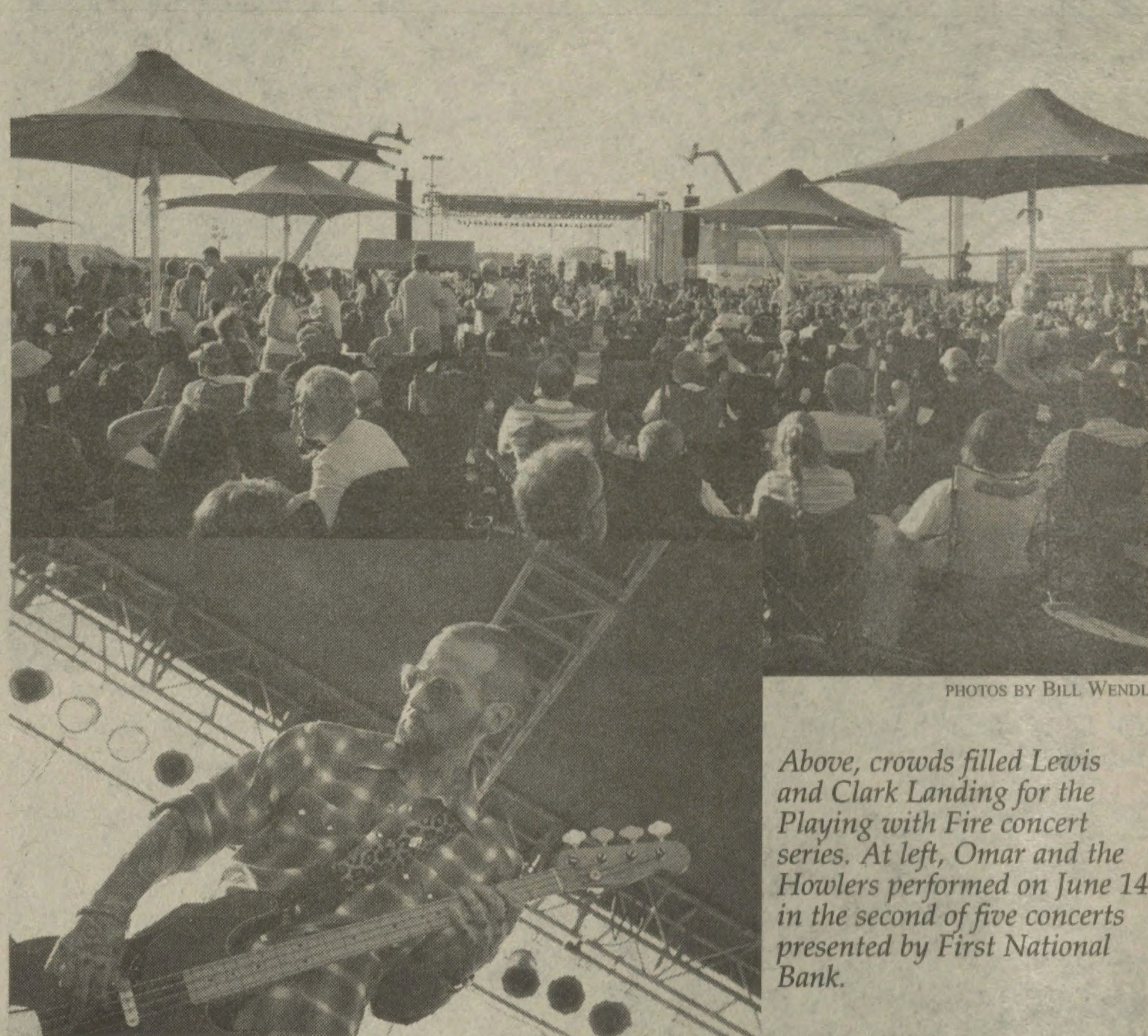
Over 130 artists, both locally and nationally, will come to the metro to showcase their talents in categories like photography, painting and sculpting, just to name a few, while musicians perform on three separate stages, playing anything from blues to alternative rock. The festival also includes Tastefest for the culinary arts alongside the Nebraska Craft Brew Fest, which offers customers 14 types of beer made by six state breweries.

This event is free to the public and takes place downtown at the Gene Leahy Mall from 10th and Farnam streets to 15th and Farnam streets. The festival will open at 11 a.m. on June 27 and run through June 29.

For more information, visit summerarts.org.

Music in the Parks concert series

No matter where you reside in the metro, there is a concert venue pumping out great local music close by.



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Above, crowds filled Lewis and Clark Landing for the Playing with Fire concert series. At left, Omar and the Howlers performed on June 14 in the second of five concerts presented by First National Bank.

Area parks in Bellevue, Papillion, Ralston, Elkhorn, Carter Lake, Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley and all across Omaha will host free concerts through Sept. 14.

Acts range from the Tommy K band, a rock and blues group, to Los Montunos, a Latin jazz ensemble, to even UNO's own Faculty Jazz Band. The summer concert series is free and open to all ages.

For the list of bands and performance dates and times, call 553-5818 or visit omahamusic.com.

Shakespeare on the Green

Just a few feet off of UNO's Dodge Street campus, Shakespeare comes alive at Elmwood Park where two of his most beloved plays will be performed.

"Much Ado About Nothing" and "King Lear" kicks off the Shakespeare on the Green festival's 22nd year in Omaha. UNO's very own theater professors Cindy Melby Phaneuf and D. Scott Glasser both directed the plays and even a few students can be seen acting in them.

Arriving early for seats and soaking up the atmosphere is a good idea. A Bard-B-Q (barbecue) will take place at 5:30 p.m. for those looking to grab a snack while Towne Square Musicians and other fun activities begin at 7 p.m.

"Much Ado About Nothing" plays June 19 through July 22, July 2 and July 5 while "King Lear" plays June 26 through June 29, July 3 and July 6, with each performance beginning at 8 p.m.

This event is free, although donations are accepted. For more information, call at 280-2391 or visit nebraskashakespeare.com.

Playing With Fire concert series

Last weekend marked the opening of the fifth Playing with Fire concert series, a string of free blues concerts that run once a month until September.

This event was originally created in 2004 by Jeff Davis, an Omaha businessman and music lover.

Davis, who won an Omaha Arts and

Entertainment Award in 2007 for "Best Local Show," hosts this event at the Lewis and Clark Landing, located at 300 Riverfront Drive near the Qwest Center.

With bands like Depth Perception, the Side Effects and the Blues Society of Omaha All-Stars, this series is something the whole family can enjoy.

Concert dates include July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 13 with all shows beginning at 4:30 p.m. While this event is free, donations are encouraged, with 25 percent of proceeds going to the Omaha Food Bank.

Visit playingwithfireomaha.com for more information about the shows.

Memorial Park concerts

Each summer, the city, along with a few sponsors like Bank of the West, brings in a few bands to perform at Memorial Park. This year is no different.

On June 27, the bank is celebrating America with a concert featuring '70s hit group Kool and the Gang, along with 38 Special and Night Wing. This show will kick off with the national anthem at 6 p.m. and wrap up with a Grucci fireworks show at 10 p.m. The city also brings in Canadian singer-songwriter Feist on July 12 to perform at the park.

Both shows are free and open to the public.

Jazz on the Green

Starting in July, Jazz on the Green presents its 24th concert at the Joslyn Art Museum on 22nd and Dodge streets.

This Omaha summer tradition kicks off on Thursday, July 10, with returning opener Dwayne Dopsie and the Zydeco Hellraisers and continues each Thursday throughout the month of July.

Due to construction in the area, these performances will take place on the north lawn so make sure you leave enough time to park. Seating is open at 4 p.m. with the concert starting at 7 p.m.

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At the Movies...

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

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With his signature fedora, adventurous demeanor and dry wit, Indiana Jones swept through movie theaters with unwavering doubt that his return to the big screen would be as smooth and successful as his last. Indy and his cast mates once again deliver an epic story that adds to this classic tale.

“Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skulls” reappears 19 years after the last installment. Jones, played by Harrison Ford, is still an adrenaline junkie thirsty for truth, but his character has made somewhat of a transition from young thrill-seeker to a spy professor on the verge of retirement.

Several gray hairs and wrinkles later, I would have liked to see his budding co-star Shia LaBeouf take more of the lead this time around. It would have made for more of a believable tale, but on that note, who goes to see Indy for a plausible storyline?

The movie starts out in 1957 with Indy being forced to help Soviet villains find a South American artifact: an odd-shaped skull made entirely out of crystal. Several scenes play out with the two groups playing tug-of-war with the treasure and even pit LaBeouf’s character in a truly amazing swordfight against a Soviet leader, played by Cate Blanchett.

Love interest Karen Allen reprises her role from 1981’s “Raiders of the Lost Ark” and lends great sexual chemistry for the film.

While I’m not much for action-packed adventure films, I have to admit I thoroughly enjoyed this one. My eyes were glued to the screen except during a very graphic bug scene where I thought I might get sick and was forced to turn away.

But with humor, thrills and love, it’s easy to see why this film has already made \$215 million and counting.



THE INCREDIBLE HULK

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After physicist Bruce Banner is exposed to a high dose of experimental gamma radiation, he becomes the Hulk, an 8-foot tall, green giant with unimaginable strength.

Constantly pursued by the U.S. government for destruction he unintentionally causes, the Hulk isn’t your typical ‘cape and tights’ superhero. “The Incredible Hulk” stars Edward Norton as Bruce Banner/Hulk; Liv Tyler as Betty Ross, Banner’s love interest; Tim Roth as Emil Blonsky, a Yugoslavian special ops soldier recruited to bring in Banner; and William Hurt as General Ross, the man in charge of the Super-Soldier experiments that led to the creation of the Hulk and, consequently, the man responsible for his capture.

The general is also Betty’s father. I imagine it’s not very fun having your own daughter run around with the Hulk, who serves as a constant reminder of your greatest failure and was the main cause of death for many of his soldiers. This movie is not a sequel so much as a reboot of the 2003 Ang Lee version. This film picks up in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with amazing shots of the labyrinthine housing districts as the stage for “Bourne Conspiracy”-like foot chases on rooftops.

The Hulk has not been seen for 157 days, and Banner has been working on a cure for his condition while taking anger management classes. From there, Banner is pursued across both North and South America. Blonsky volunteers to undergo a treatment of an experimental Super-Soldier Serum that eventually turns him into the Abomination, a stronger, more twisted version of the Hulk.

The final fight in this movie takes place in New York City, of course, and this time around, comic book fans and average moviegoers will not be disappointed.

Being a huge comic book nerd, I enjoyed this immensely and anyone with a pulse will too. It deserves five purple pants out of five.



PHOTO BY TIM FITZGERALD

From left, Carl Mammel and Mammel Scholars Jessica O’Connor, Ben Burton, Katie Nath, John Fleischmann, Kim Kesler and Amanda Hulsebus take part in the groundbreaking ceremony for Mammel Hall on June 2.

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The College of Business Administration broke ground on a new facility June 2 in a ceremony honoring the lead donors on the project.

The 120,000 square foot facility will be a three-story building on UNO’s south campus. The new building will feature many more classrooms, an auditorium and an atrium.

The estimated cost of the building is \$31 million, but

the college hopes to raise \$7.5 million more to support new programs, professors and other projects. Two of the project’s private donors were unveiled at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Both the Mammel Foundation as well as Bill and Ruth Scott presented gifts toward the facility. The building will be known as Mammel Hall, named for Carl and Joyce Mammel of Omaha who are lead donors.

The project is expected to be completed by fall 2010.

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in 2004.

“We are committed to keeping tuition increases moderate and predictable, and this would be the fourth year in a row of tuition at this level or lower,” Milliken said in a statement.

The 6 percent increase will translate into per credit hour increase of \$10.25 for resident undergraduates at UNL and \$8.25 for similar students at UNK.

In addition to increasing tuition at the University of Nebraska campuses, the regents approved a \$4.50 per credit hour tuition hike at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Neb.

Two NU colleges will also face higher tuition charges, with the regents approving additional increases to students attending the UNMC College of Pharmacy and UNL Law School. Resident tuition will increase 43.7 percent, or \$2,226 per semester, for first-year pharmacy students and 13.7 percent, or \$12.25 per credit hour, for law students.

A university statement said these increases would bring the programs closer to the market average and relieve budgetary pressures on the institutions while addressing the needs of the two programs.

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and lifesavers.”

All scouts and scout leaders have been accounted for.

University Village resident Amy Sokoll, a sophomore elementary education major, was at church when the storm first hit western Omaha.

Sokoll was at the Westside Community Conference Center near 108th Street and West Center Road. When a tornado warning was issued for the area, everyone was moved into a locker room, but Sokoll said she eventually went outside to have a look.

“I went outside and I saw some very menacing, swirly clouds. I could tell the front was to the east. And all of the sudden I saw one spot in the clouds directly in front of us that started to circulate,” Sokoll said. “Luckily, it seemed to pass quickly and not become a tornado.”

Once Sokoll returned to campus, residents of University Village were instructed to take shelter in the Weber Fine Arts Building.

“I felt very informed and safe when we were evacuated. There were [resident assistants] all over – some were watching the weather and keeping us all up to date as to what was going on,” Sokoll said.

Residents of Scott Village took shelter in the Scott Village Commons Building’s basement, while residents of Scott Residence Hall ducked into the first floor hallway by the laundry room.

This was not the first time campus residents had taken

From **AKSARBEN:** Page 1
point of the area.

Aksarben Village is being built on the site of the historic Ak-Sar-Ben race track and will include approximately 750,000 square feet of space dedicated to office and research, 250,000 square feet to retail and entertainment uses, and nearly 500 housing units while attempting to retain the historical feel of the old Ak-Sar-Ben property, Noddle said.

Christine Stehno, a sophomore broadcasting major, said she thought the project was exactly what midtown Omaha needed.

“It’ll be really good for this area, especially being so close to campus. I think it will be a nice place for college students to go, live or even just hang out. I think it will be very convenient and the college will really benefit from it,” Stehno said.

The entire project is estimated to cost more than \$370 million, which includes all infrastructure, office, retail, residential, hospitality and academic investments. With construction underway, the estimated completion date will be in 2011 or 2012.

“These kinds of projects happen once in a community. ... We are going to have a heck of a place,” Noddle said.

shelter that week, having weathered another severe storm pattern that crossed Omaha last Sunday. That storm also produced two tornadoes in southwest Omaha. There were no deaths in that storm.

“At least everyone was safe,” Sokoll said.

Lisa Kuhr, a sophomore journalism major, said she woke up after the power went out around 2:30 a.m.

“I was really scared because I didn’t really know what was going on,” Kuhr said. “It was all very sudden. I didn’t even know the weather was going to get that bad. I didn’t hear any sirens so I was pretty much just confused and scared.”

After about 20 minutes of taking cover in the Weber Fine Arts Building, residents were allowed to return to the dorms.

An alert system installed in each dorm unit is supposed to announce severe weather warnings and proper action. The system, however, was not functioning on Sunday.

“There were multiple things happening that night, there were power outages and other things going on. We aren’t sure if those things affected the alert system or not,” said Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security.

The broadcasting system was up and working again for Wednesday’s storm.

The only damages reported on campus as a result of the storms were several broken trees.

For more on recent storms, including the tragedy at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch, turn to pages 4 and 5 for a special section.



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Picketing for pot

Matthew Pusch, right, and Kelli Coash hold signs calling for the legalization of marijuana by the Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge on Dodge Street on Saturday. "We're hoping to eventually get on the ballot to see if we can't get it legalized," Pusch said. Pusch said he supported responsible marijuana use, such as not smoking and driving. Coash said volunteers were planning to hold signs around 4 p.m. every Thursday and Saturday to draw attention to the issue. The group was also handing out a flyer directing people to a pro-cannabis Web site, makepotlegal555.org.

- Scott Stewart

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lack of student input.

"Smoking has not been that big of an issue," said Vice President Buey Ray Tut during the meeting. "For us to agitate something that's not an issue, it's just going to erode our authority. It's just going to erode our influence among students."

Smoking has been an issue, however, in previous student government administrations. In February 2006, former President/Regent Steve Massara sponsored a forum in the Fireplace Lounge to discuss a proposal to ban smoking on campus.

When former President/Regent Alex Williams entered office that October there were three referendum questions on

smoking.

Out of 1,483 students voting, 926 (62 percent) favored a campus-wide ban.

Additionally, 1,008 (68 percent) favored a ban on the main corridor of campus – one similar to Byers' proposal this spring – and 1,057 (71 percent) favored a ban at the Criss Library's south walkway.

The library, with approval from the Chancellor's Cabinet, eventually enacted such a ban. Library Dean Steve Shorb has stated the ban is a success, despite the lack of any enforcement mechanism.

Enforcement has come up time and time again as a bone of contention among pro- and anti-ban supporters on

campus.

In fall 2004, the Faculty Senate considered a smoking ban drafted by associate professor Andris Skreija, which was motivated in part by the lack of enforcement of the 10-foot rule regarding smoking in front of public buildings. Ultimately, that effort, like subsequent efforts by student government, failed.

"The issue for the campus that's hard is the enforcement," Alder said. "It's doable; I think that people just need to have the courage to say it's a done deal. When we live in a world of negotiation we have to listen to all this stuff."

News Editor Taylor Muller contributed to this report.

From LOSEKE: Page 3

It is deeds such as this that humble me and remind me why I'm here – to serve. It helps me gain perspective and refocus my mind away from the material wealth American society promotes.

1 Peter 4:10 of the Bible

says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

I live such a blessed life, and I'm so thankful. In return, the least I can do is help others

in need greater than my own. It is something that is going to take conscientious effort; after all, it is human nature to expect something in return and selfless giving seems abnormal.

Thank God for D.C. United and this rediscovery.

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are freedom from arbitrary and unlawful restraint and the personal liberty that is secured by adherence to the separation of powers. It is

from these principles that the judicial authority to consider petitions from habeas corpus relief derives.

"Our opinion does not undermine the Executive's powers as Commander in Chief. On the contrary, the exercise of those powers is vindicated, not eroded, when confirmed by the Judicial Branch. Within the Constitution's separation-of-powers structure, few exercises of judicial power are as legitimate or as necessary as the responsibility to hear challenges to the authority of the Executive to imprison a person. Some of these petitioners have been in custody for six years with no definitive judicial determination as to the legality of their detention. Their access to the writ is a necessity to determine the lawfulness of their status, even if, in the end, they do not obtain the relief they seek.

"Because our Nation's past military conflicts have been of ited duration, it has been possible to leave the outer boundaries of war powers undefined. If, as some fear, terrorism continues to pose dangerous threats to us for years to come, the Court might not have this luxury. This result is not inevitable, however. The political branches, consistent with their independent obligations to interpret and uphold the Constitution, can engage in a genuine debate about how best to preserve

constitutional values while protecting the Nation from terrorism. Cf. *Hamdan*, 548 U. S., at 636 (Breyer, J., concurring) ("[J]udicial insistence upon that consultation does not weaken our Nation's ability to deal with danger. To the contrary, that insistence strengthens the Nation's ability to determine – through democratic means – how best to do so.")

"It bears repeating that our opinion does not address the content of the law that governs petitioners' detention. That is a matter yet to be determined. We hold that petitioners may invoke the fundamental procedural protections of habeas corpus. The laws and Constitution are designed to survive, and remain in force, in extraordinary times. Liberty and security can be reconciled; and in our system they are reconciled within the framework of the law. The Framers decided that habeas corpus, a right of first importance, must be a part of that framework, a part of that law.

"The determination by the Court of Appeals that the Suspension Clause and its protections are inapplicable to petitioners was in error. The judgment of the Court of Appeals is reversed. The cases are remanded to the Court of Appeals with instructions that it remand the cases to the District Court for proceedings consistent with this opinion.

"It is so ordered."

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